

The Five Star Stories[®] XI



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Back to the bartender's tale of Dougulus Kaien, the Silver Knight, held captive in a guerilla-held mining village in Kastenpo that is about to be decimated by a mortar headd force sent by the local Republic of U-thu. In the course of his attempt to get out of the predicament with as little cooperation and effort as possible, he finds a trunk of clothes full of fatima clothing, which ends up belonging to none other than Atropos, one of the three destinies, who had disappeared to assume leadership of the guerillas. She is the key for the fatima-less Kaien to put his MH, the Schpelltor, into operation for a successful counterattack. The bartender's tale ends and the conversation turns to the recent occurrence of mysterious mortar headd duels that have invariably left one of the combatants in complete shambles. The culprit is a frightening fellow by the name of Iler the Bishop from the Mejojo Dynasty, in town to test a new MH called the Ashura Temple. His next victims turn out to be none other than Michael Lester, Palsuet and their MH Pluto. Without Lester's protection, Palsuet's fate is the worst of all. Finally, it comes time for Kaien to redeem his fatima Auxo from major surgery at the Corks laboratory, where the two are reunited with Auxo's memory miraculously in tact.



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Fatima Fates Queen

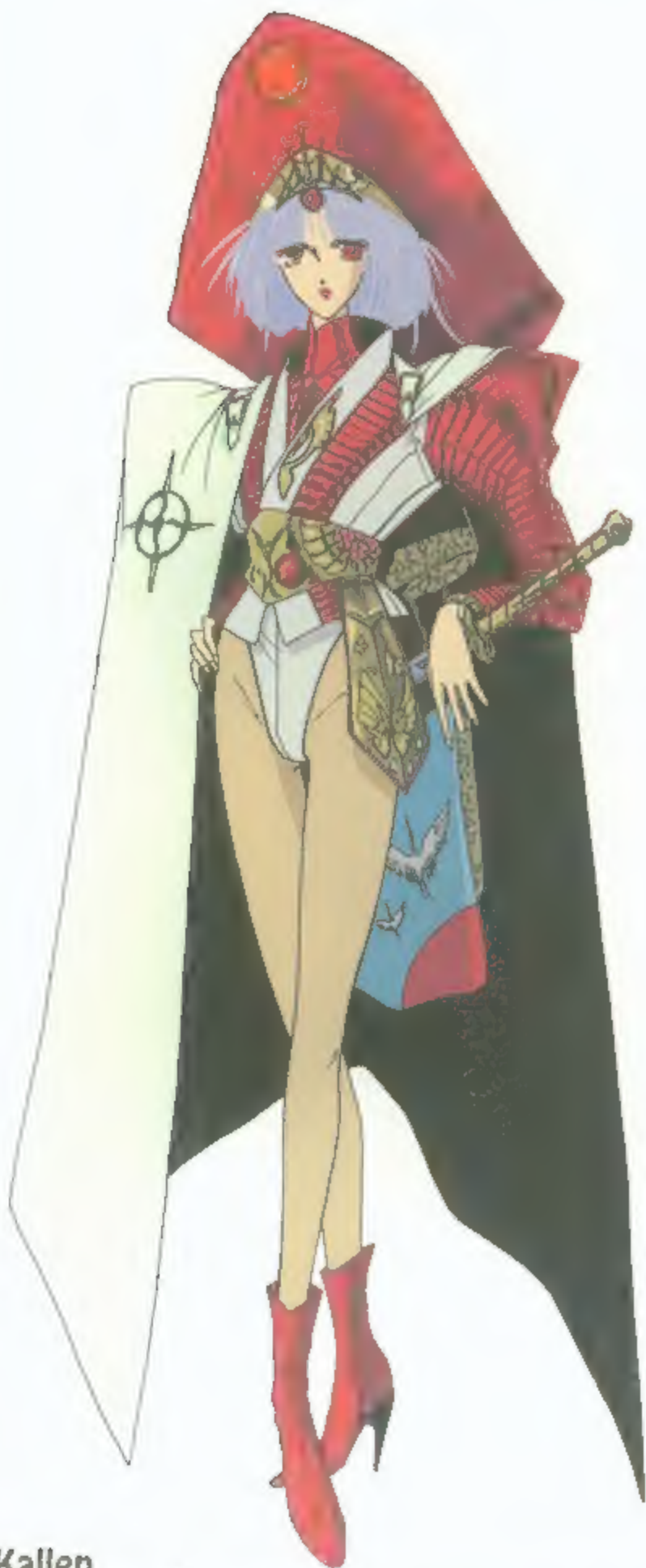
Dr. Ballanche's fatima breakthrough and first in a line of many masterpiece fatimas. She has not been subjected to mind control and possesses skills superior to headliners (with the exception of sages in mortal head control and martial arts). As Lachesis' prototype, she has been subjected to every test Ballanche has performed in furthering his fatima research, giving her an image of queen of the fatimas.

Dr. Chrome Ballanche

A scientific genius who lives on the planet Addler. The scion of a prominent family, his research was considered too dangerous, causing him to be ostracized from the Galaxy's scientific community. One result of his work was the fatima Queen, whom he created by himself and would become the first of his long line of masterpiece fatimas. Due to a personality that ignores questions of social ethics and morality for the sake of study and creativity, he has been thoroughly misunderstood throughout the Galaxy and characterized as Satan incarnate.

Ludios Sopp

The most beautiful young woman who has ever lived. A female headliner with tremendous swordsmanship and magical skills. The only fault she has is forgetfulness, which may be her most charming point. She meets Dr. Ballanche in IC 2629 during a war on the planet Addler, which leads to a lifelong friendship between the two.



Kallen
 (Kalle Ka Iler Kallen)
Amaterasu Mell Grand Fortune Eydas V

The last empress of the AKD born between the God of Light Amaterasu and the Goddess of Fortune Lachesis. Her body form, which she has had since birth, is quite different from us, possibly due to the fact that she is not human. She will be reported missing in JC 7777, but will often reappear to protect her mother or father.



Amaterasu-no-mikoto
 (Amaterasu Mell Grand Grees Eydas III)

The 83rd ruler of the Kingdom of Grees and queen of the Joker Divers Para Guild. She is also the mother of our main character Amaterasu-no-Mikado. She spent 50 years raising her son Ladios Sepp into a human being. After her death, she passed on to the higher world and would descend to protect Grees. Despite her death, she still holds absolute power over the Amaterasu Kingdom Demesnes (AKD).



Fatima Fates

Gibih Lachesis Fanatic Balanche Amaterasu Guriess

Dr. Ballanche's 44th masterpiece fatima fates. The heroine of *The Five Star Stories*, she has been given full control of the mortarhead Knight of Cold. On the occasion of Ballanche's death, she will be made a member of the Amaterasu family by former empress Amaterasu-no-Mikoto and become Princess Lachesis of the Amaterasu Kingdom Demesnes. She has powers rivaling those of Amaterasu, but is at liberty to use them only in her partner's absence. This situation seems to be the key to what bonds the two together.

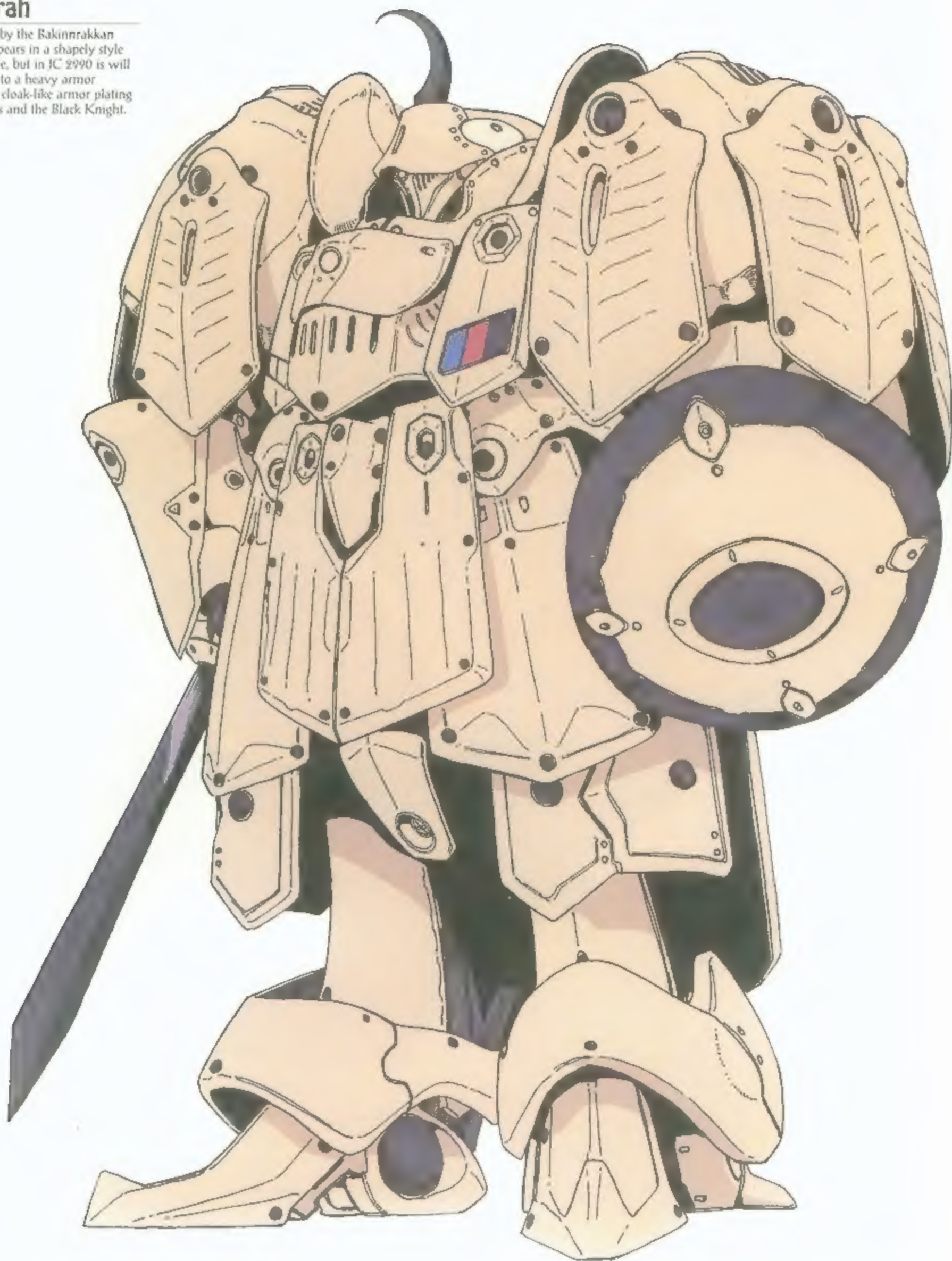
Fatima Fates

Salome

A fatima created under the supervision of Dr. Ballanche before he became independent, but whose quality is almost pure Ballanche genius. She co-pilots Dimos I-hahraki's mortarhead, the Feedorah.

Mortar Headd
Feedorah

MI-1 owned by the Bakinnrakkan Empire. It appears in a shapely style in this volume, but in JC 2990 is will be converted to a heavy armor model. It has cloak-like armor plating like the Sirens and the Black Knight.





Muse van Reyback & Fatima Ssizz

Dedicated to Fatimas Everywhere

The Five Star Stories®

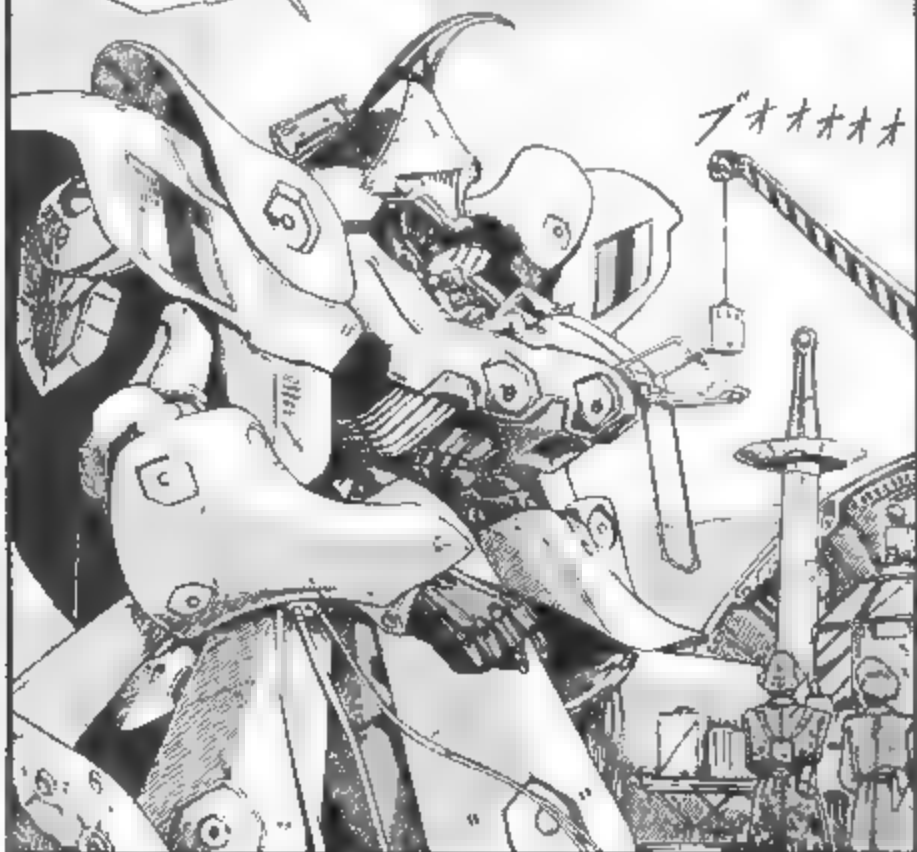
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The Bokarge Civil War on Addler,
the second planet in Joker Solar System I

Hear that, Salome! They want to deploy a mortarhead for mop-up operations. What a crock! "Deploy immediately"...First they humiliate us, then add insult to injury by telling us to hurry it up.



Urgent message for Sir 'Mos...The enemy's retreat from St. Lo is ahead of schedule.

You are requested to assist our troops in the mop-up operations. Please deploy immediately.



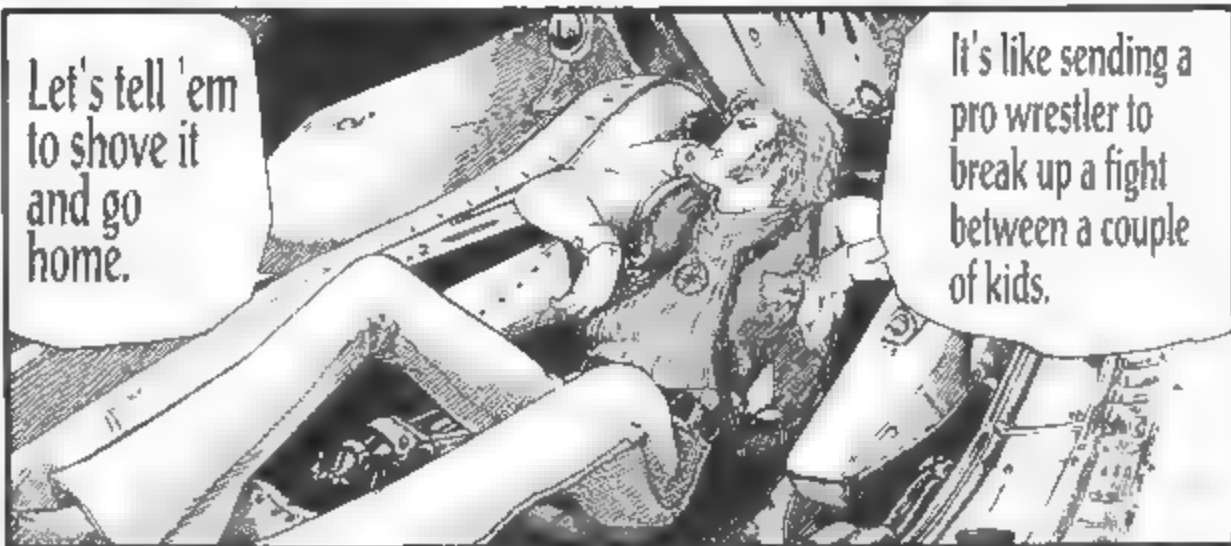
Okay, okay...So what should we do, Miss Know-it-all?



Don't you remember! You said that the swords were getting rusty and..



Let's tell 'em to shove it and go home.



It's like sending a pro wrestler to break up a fight between a couple of kids.

What are we doin' here anyway...trying to pacify somebody else's country?



After all, it was only a request, master, not a direct order



Lower me
down outta
here. I gotta
take a leak.

Later...We
don't want
to be causing
trouble for
non-
combatants.

It says here that we are to strafe or
destroy points of military importance
in St. Lo. One, power plants...Two
the artificial life form research
laboratory...Three communications
towers...and Four enemy troops still
in the city limits.

Why? It's
probably the most
important target
on the list.

Hmmm...We'll
leave the power
plant for later.

Listen, you
dumb...Mortar-
headd's can be
transported in less
than a second.

Sir 'Mos!
Where are
you going. It's
time to...

I have to
go, too.

What are
you doin'
here?

...to this
worthless
war...

What's this
world coming to!
We bring our
most powerful
MH, the
Feedorah, here...

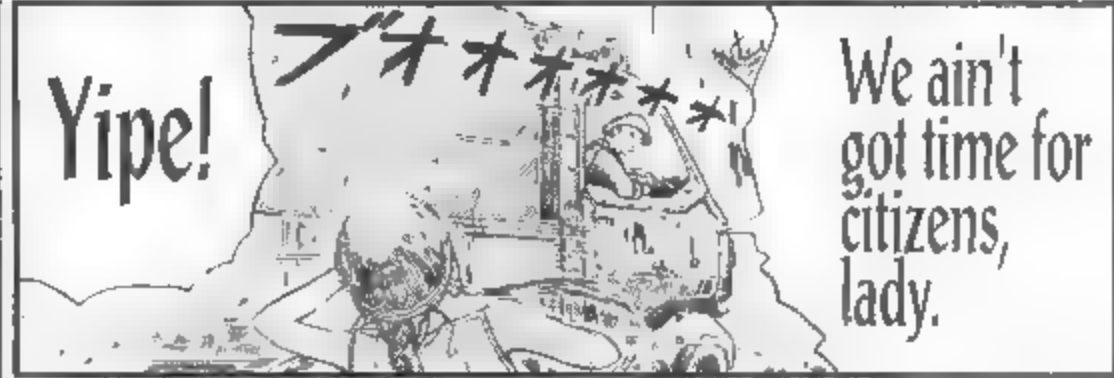
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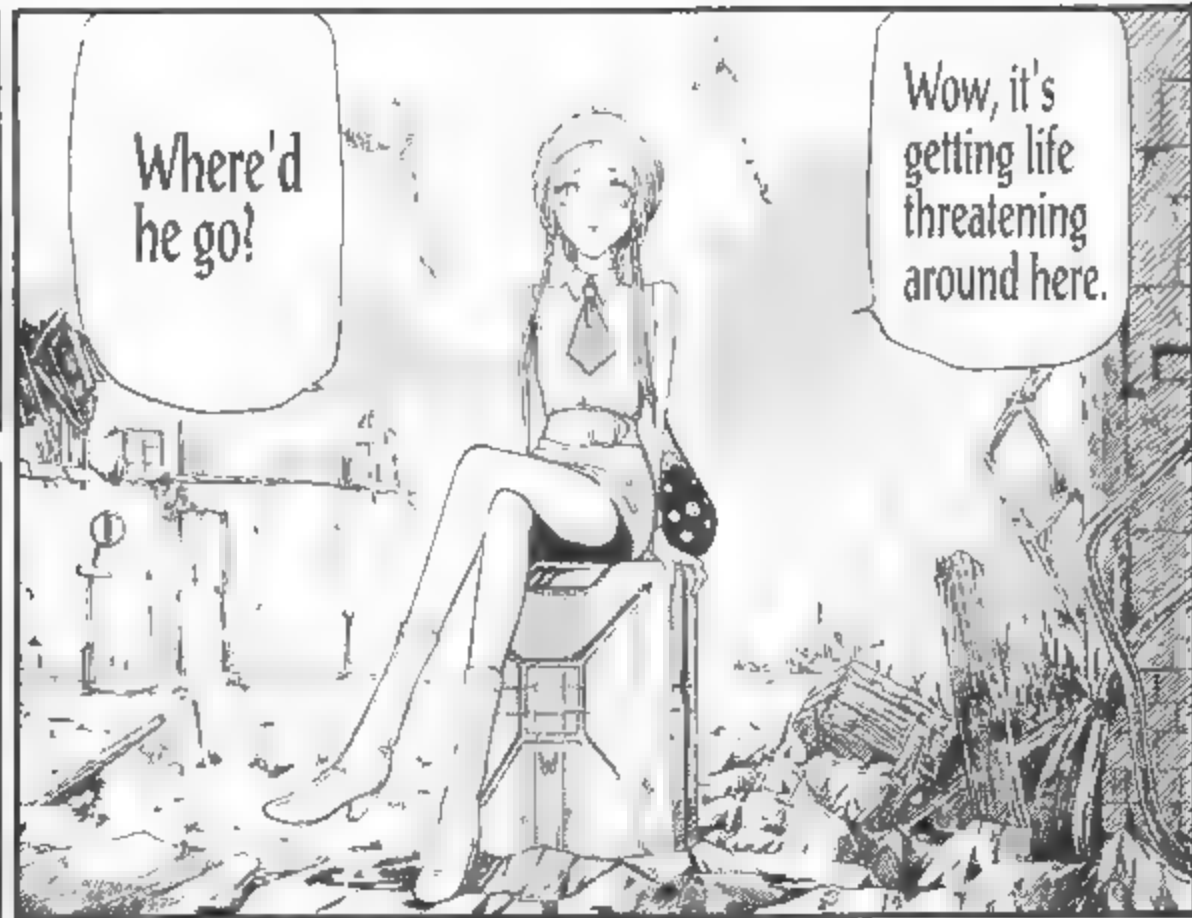
...And now I'm standing out in a field peeing with my fatima.

You mean
The Five Star Stories?

A Five Star Story







They probably think that since those left behind are women and children, no one's going to harm them.

That's the military for you...hightail it out and leave the weak behind to fend for themselves.



Let's take a look.

There's some kind of factory up ahead. Maybe there's some water there.

On the other hand, the soldiers didn't leave them behind because they wanted to.

I've gotta get outta here.

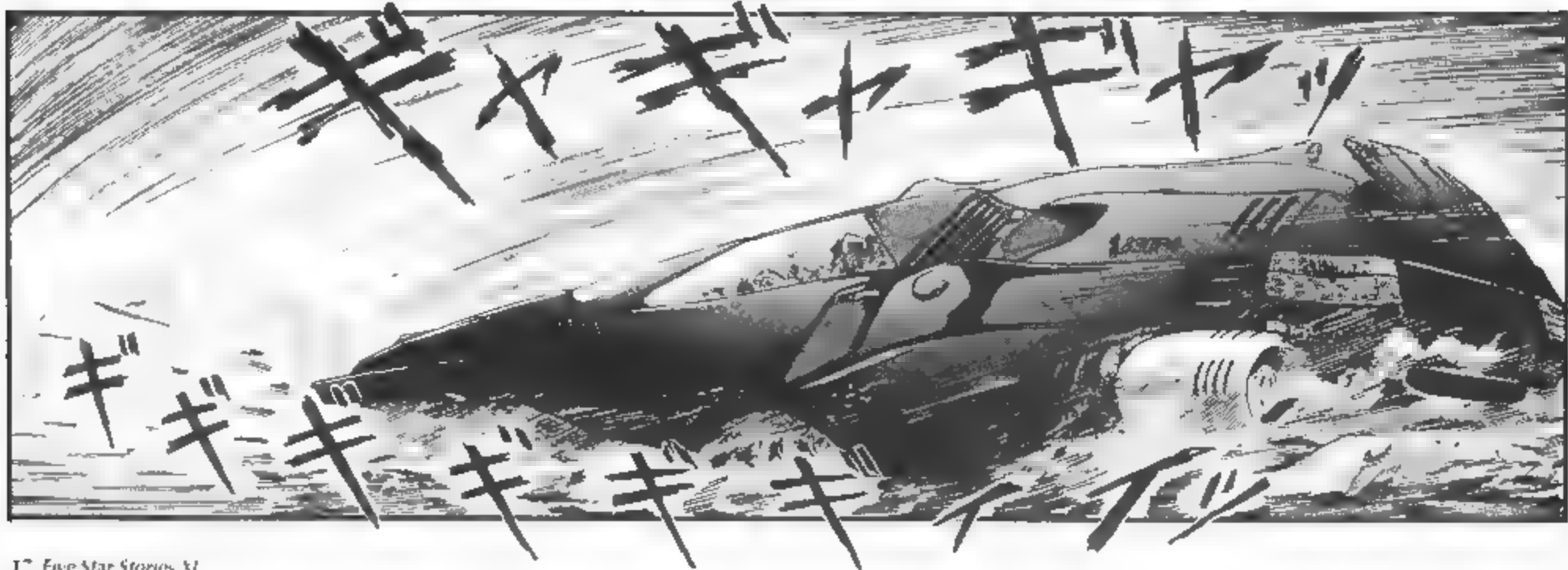
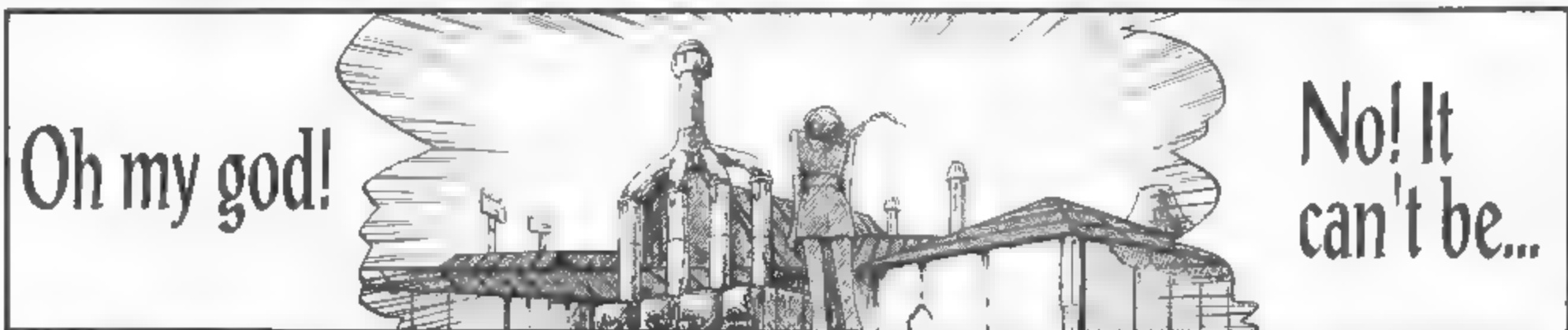
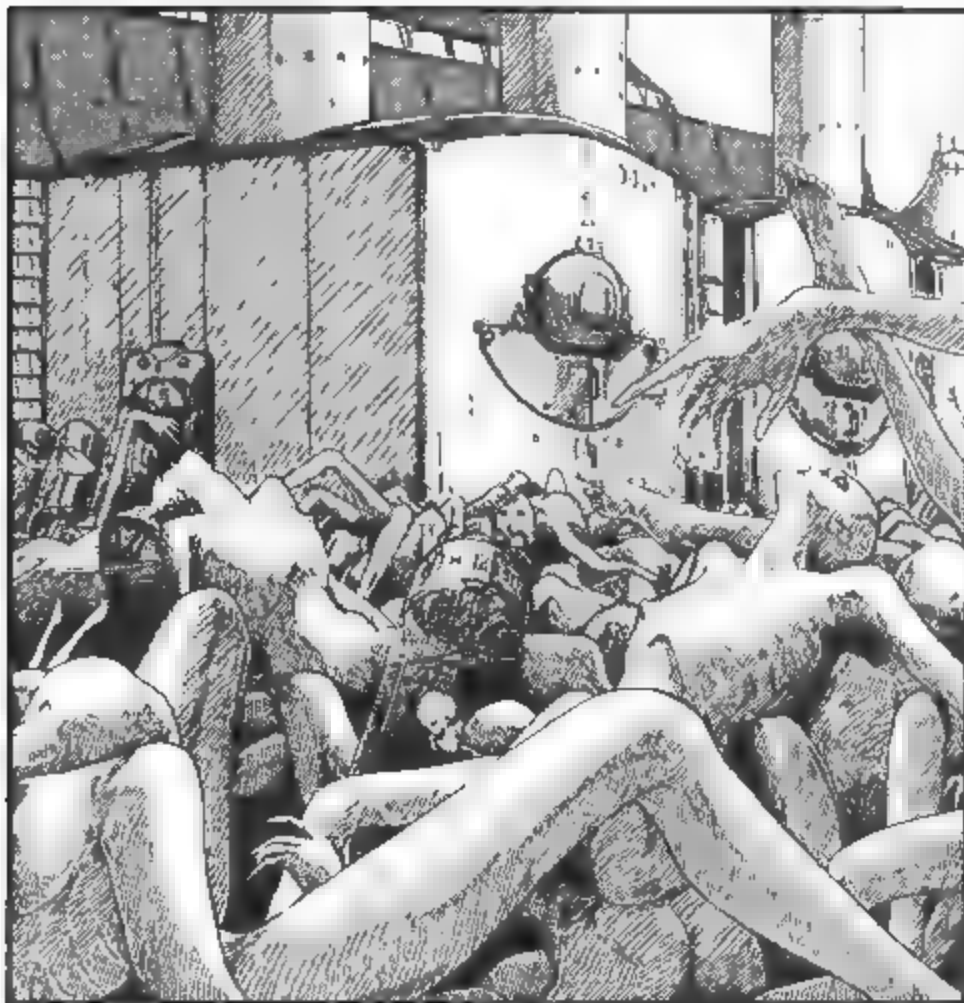
Enemy troops...

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25ans
ADDER
SINGLES





We're
too late.



Bring me the
flame thrower.
All we can do
now is burn the
whole thing
down.



I thought
something like
this would
happen.

Let me
do it.



The morons who ran the place were afraid it would fall into enemy hands so they killed every fatima, from the adults to the children still maturing in their capsules. I came here to try and stop them, but...



It was an artificial life form research laboratory for raising fatimas.



Hey! What in the hell is this place?



Huh?



Is this the first time you've seen a live fatima?

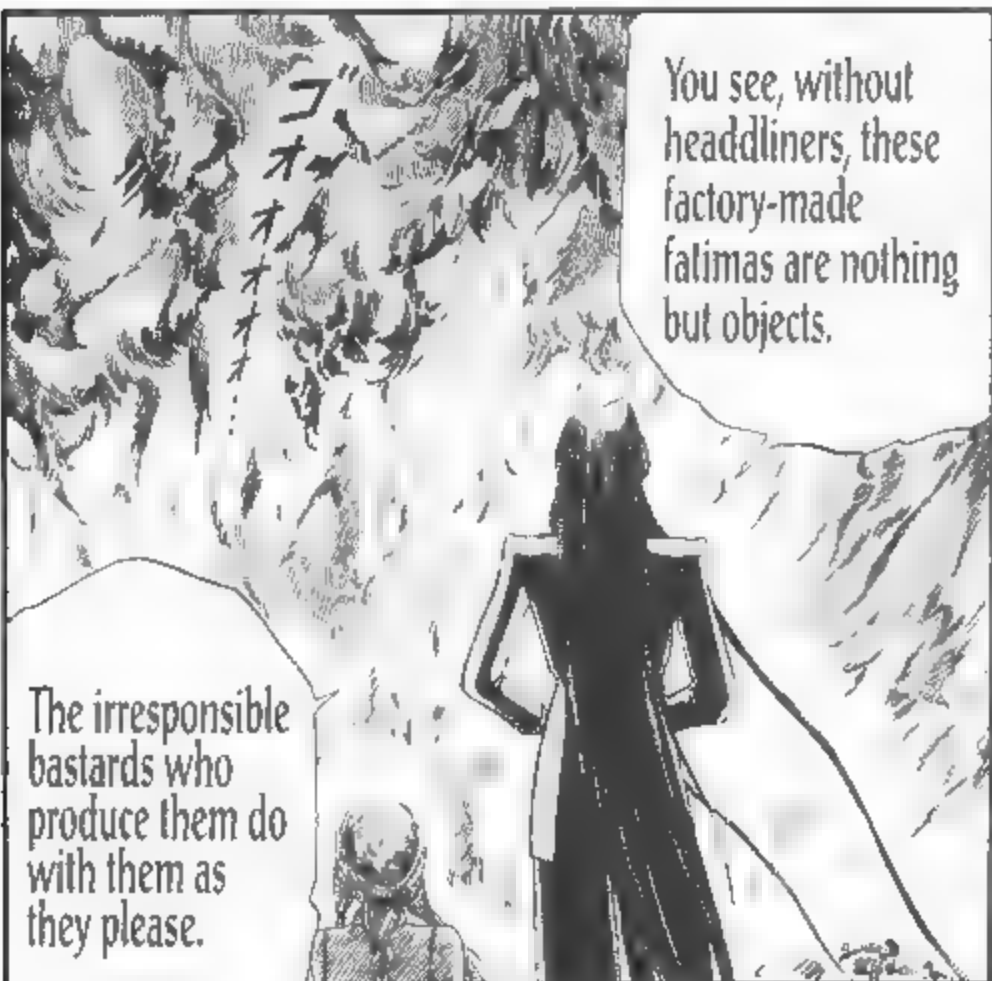


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You see, without headdliners, these factory-made fatimas are nothing but objects.

The irresponsible bastards who produce them do with them as they please.

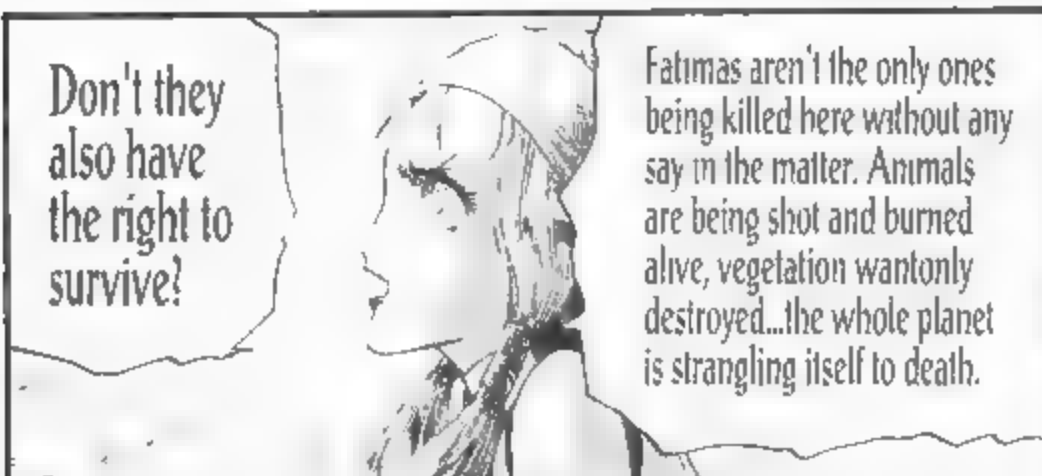


...Absolutely no sign of the usual hopeless, frail personality traits. She exudes nobility, verging on arrogance...maybe even a semblance of willfulness.

She's a strange one...



No one has ever said that about my fatimas before.



Don't they also have the right to survive?

Fatimas aren't the only ones being killed here without any say in the matter. Animals are being shot and burned alive, vegetation wantonly destroyed...the whole planet is strangling itself to death.



What about their feelings...being killed like that without knowing why?

Under the name artificial life form, they are given no right to defend their lives...and are just slaughtered as if they were production rejects.



...someone around who's not afraid to ask that question.

I'm glad to see there's still...

Shall I
create a
diversion!

ドドド

グオー

キッ

Enemy troops!
They probably
saw the smoke.

グオオオオ
キキキキ

Yes,
my lord.

We can't let these
fatimas be
humiliated before
curiosity seekers
any longer. Finish
the job.

She has to
incinerate
hundreds of
fatimas with
her own hands,
for god sake.

Consider her
feelings.

Hey. Why
don't you
go finish it
yourself.



It's a fatima.
Let's grab her
and have
some fun.

Hey, now
there's some
chick.



Oh my god!
A foursome!

All in a day's work
for this fatima. She
doesn't conform to
Galaxy regulations.

That's
unbelievable.
Better than a
headliner.





What!



That's why they've been subjected to so many stupid restrictions... to keep them from realizing their true potential.

Fatimas are life forms far superior to their human creators...



What you see before you is a robot turned into a goddess by removing the mind control function.

What's so wrong with giving them hope?



And who might you be?

Let me introduce Fatima Fates Queen, my most challenging and greatest creation.





You're the
Dr. Ballanche?



You're kidding!



Get away from her, Queen. That kind of lunacy could be contagious.



You know something?
I've forgotten.

What am I babbling about?



And to whom do I have the pleasure?



Oh, so you've
heard of me, eh.
Not many have,
you know.



...aaahh...



Oh, I...my
name is...

Me!



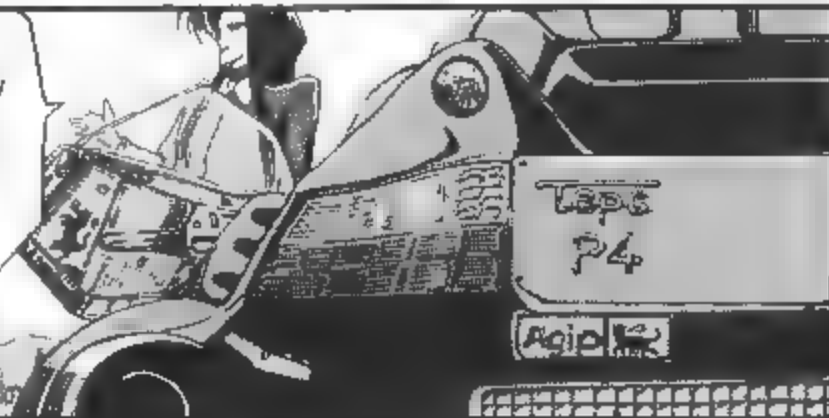
Sopp...

Oh yeah, I remember now...

We'll worry about your name later. Let's get outta here.



Well, Master Sopp,
let's start by giving
you a lift to the
border.





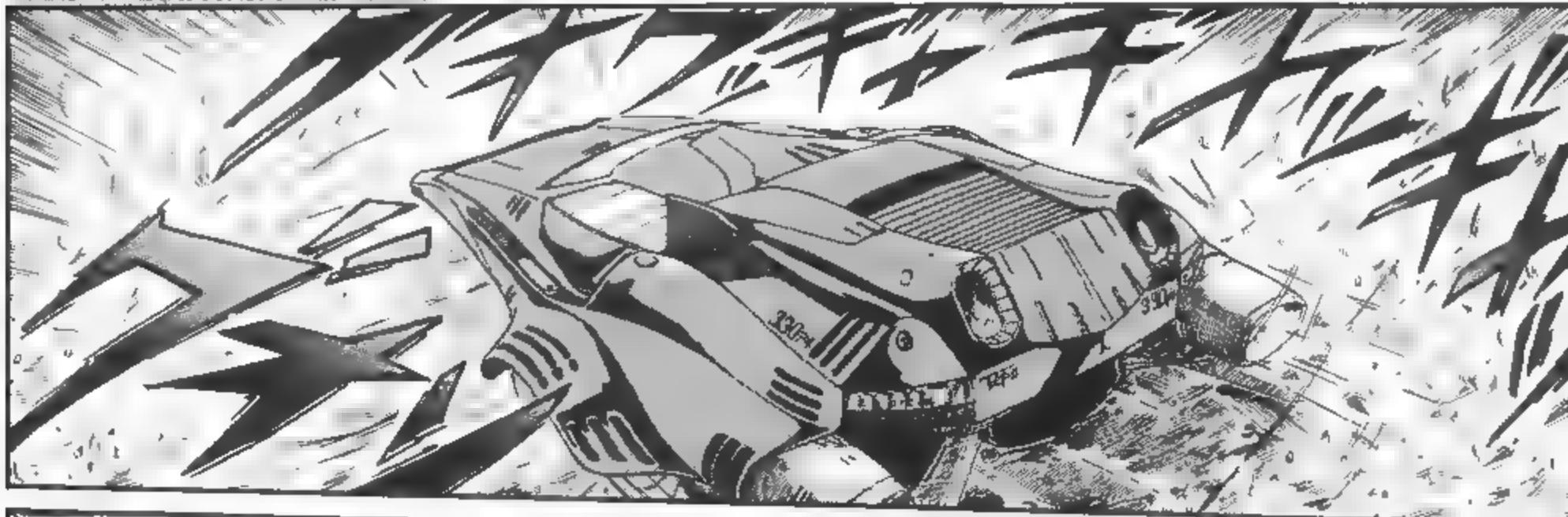
Queen.
Get the car.



Isn't that the
Feedorah of the
Holy Land
Bakinnrakkan?



This maneuver is very dangerous and should not be attempted without proper training.





We have been taken captive. There is no possibility of escape



look at me. Stuck to him like a barnacle.



Oooww! You want me to get whiplash?

Out of the vehicle.



Here Queen.

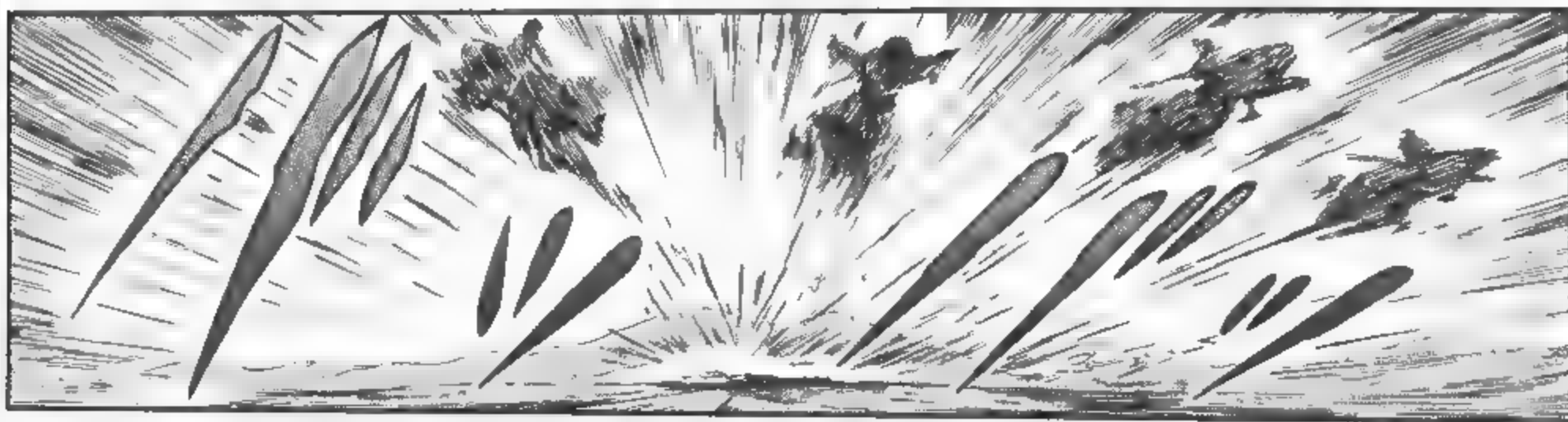


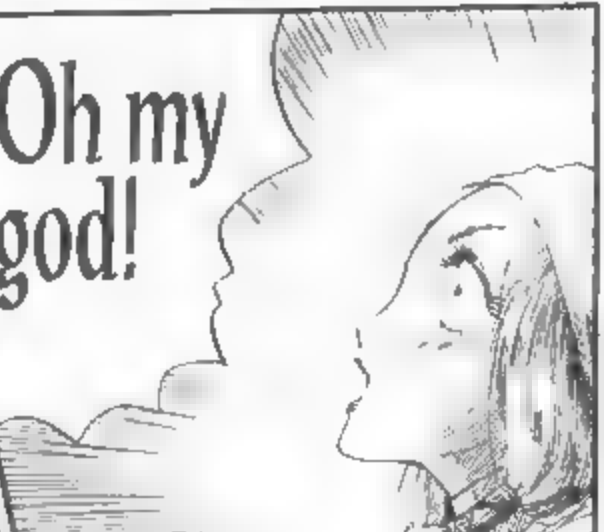
Sorry. Just doing my job.



Not a fatima?









Oooff!



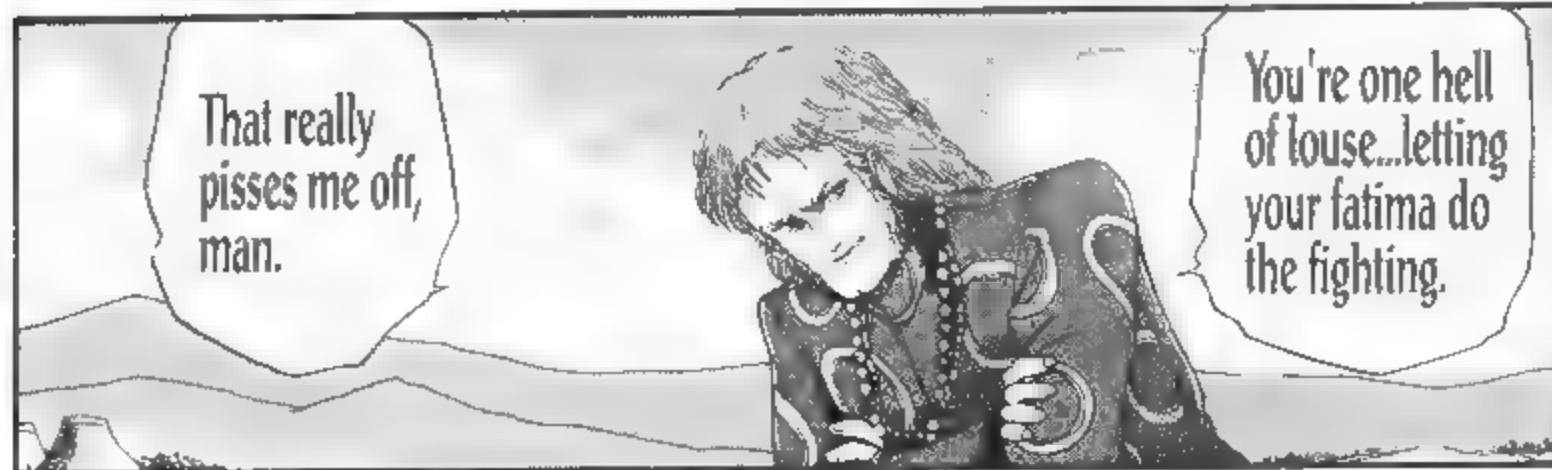
A...Aa...
Aaaargh.



You'll be as good
as new, as soon as
the shock of the
panic in your
nerves wears off.



You took eight
shots simulta-
neously, but
don't worry...



That really
pisses me off,
man.

You're one hell
of a louse...letting
your fatima do
the fighting.

Queen...
Oh
Queen!



I know who he is...
Don't worry. I'm not
going to smash open
the greatest mind in
the Galaxy.



Master,
that's...





Now
it's my
turn.

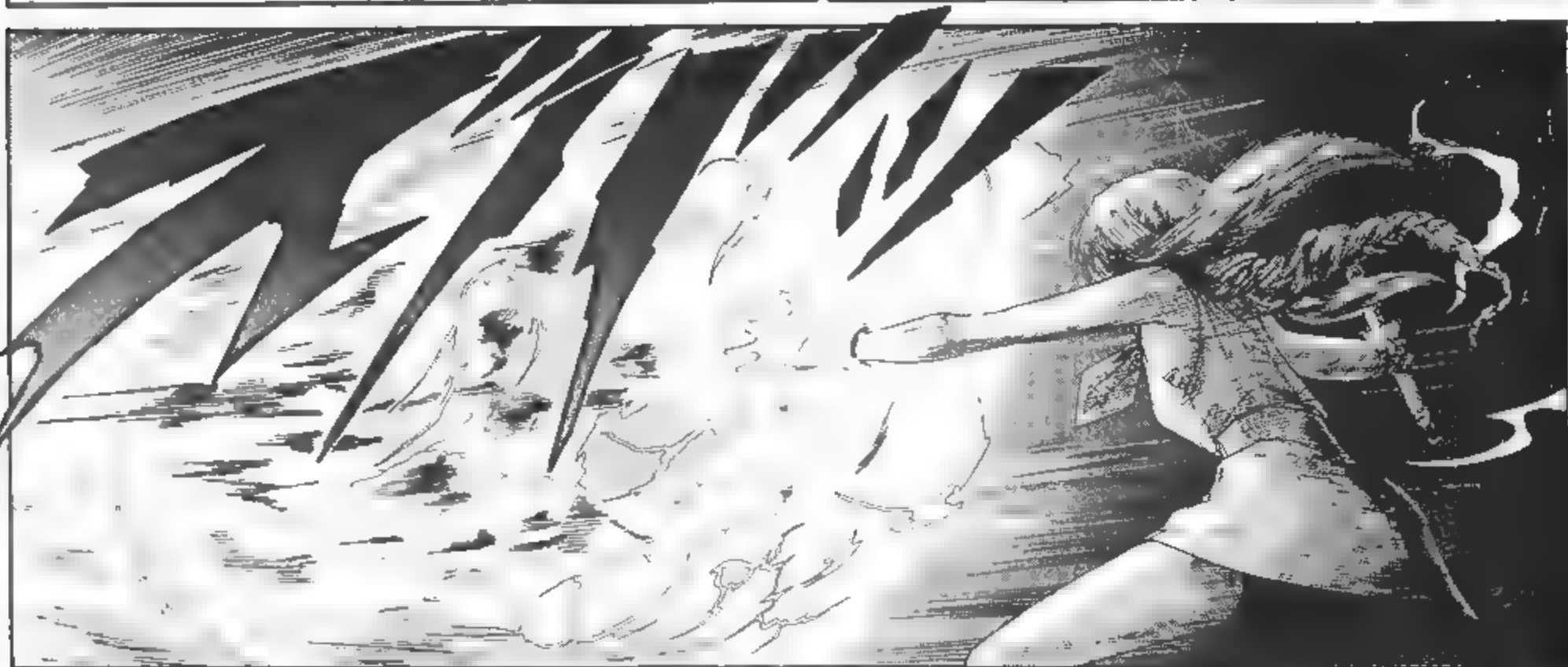
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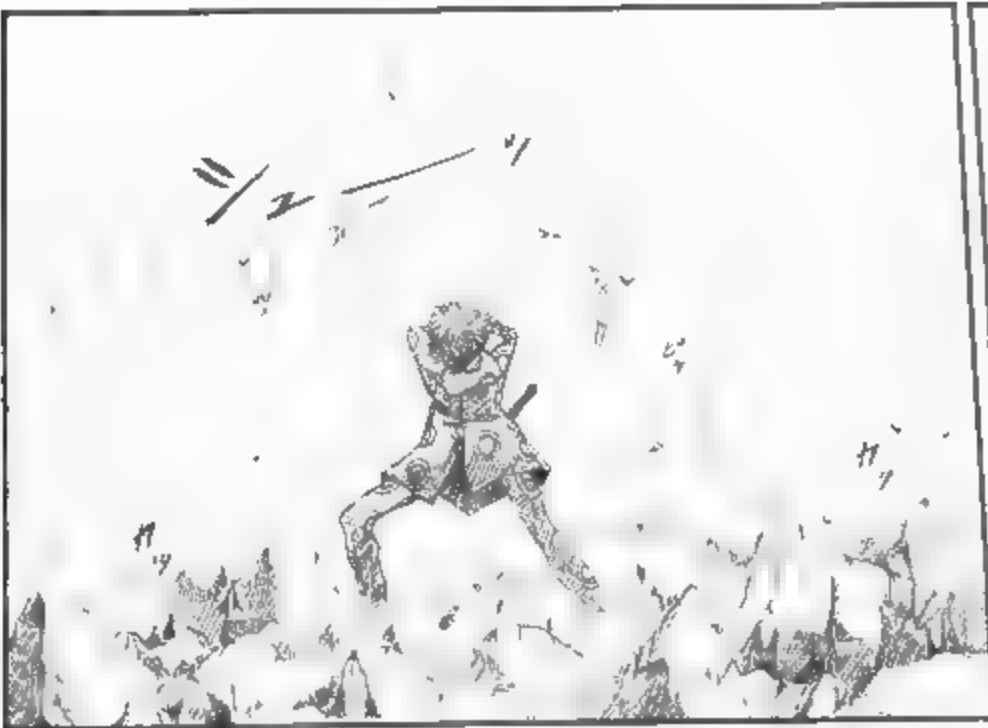


Hmmm. Looks
like you know
what you're doin'
with that thing.



Could she be
a headliner?





There's no way
he could have
been expecting
that.



Oh-oh!

...knocked the
sword out of my
hand. It's been a
long time since
someone did that.



You stinker!
That bayia*
move...

Holy...
he's....



You dodged the
plasma. That's
impossible...no
way.



No one has
ever parried
a blow with
this spaad.



I'm not
pulling any
punches
this time.

*A person who has been cured of a cold or other illness.



Parry it and
I'll make
you a sage.

Left!



Not right...



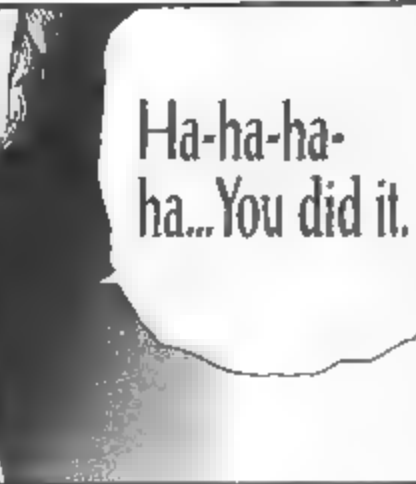
I'm done for...no
way to fend off the
next blow. Pull
back and he'll cut
me in two.



Finally
someone who
can parry my
Echo Blade.



Ha-ha-ha-
ha...You did it.





Mighty
swordsman...



Do you have
something
against me,
sister?



Hey!

One other thing...your
spaad's got the manner of
someone responsible for
the lives of millions. Let's
stop before someone gets
hurt...whaddaya say.

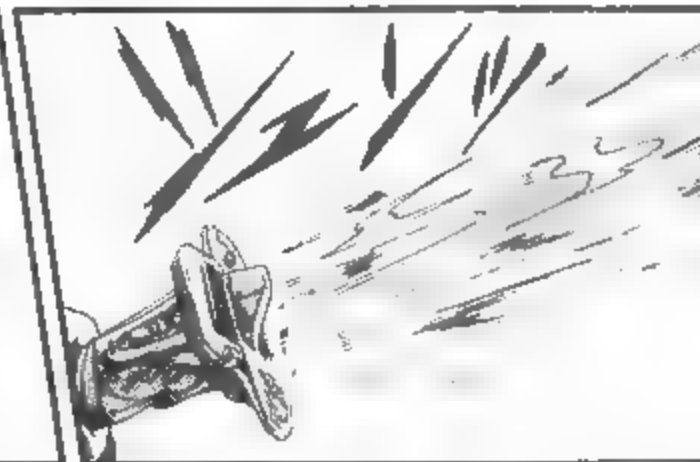


Let's call it a
draw. I'm
satisfied by
just meeting
my equal.

Huh?



Ugh!



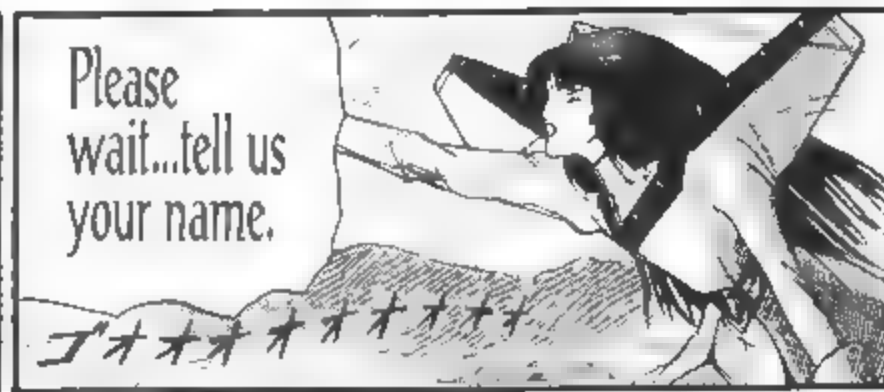


Thanks and
good day to
you.

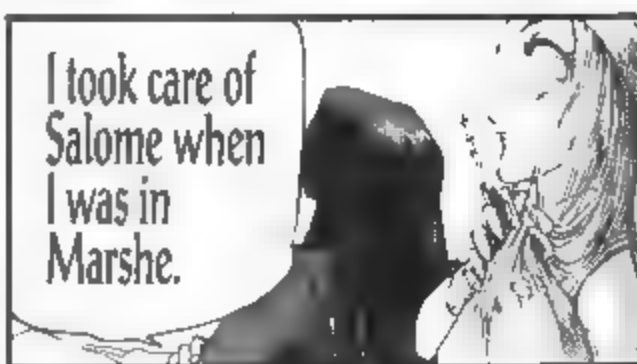
Whah-hah-
hah-hah!
That was
some duel!



You take care
now, Dr.
Ballanche.



Please
wait...tell us
your name.



I took care of
Salome when
I was in
Marshe.



Do you
know him?

Salome....



You don't know
who he is?

I know him,
alright...but
who might
you be!



...and is the
mightiest sage*
swordsman in the
Galaxy, Dimos
Hiahraki.

He's known as
"crazy 'Mos of
Bakinnrakkan..."



*...in ranks in such fields as swordsmanship, art, and crafts.



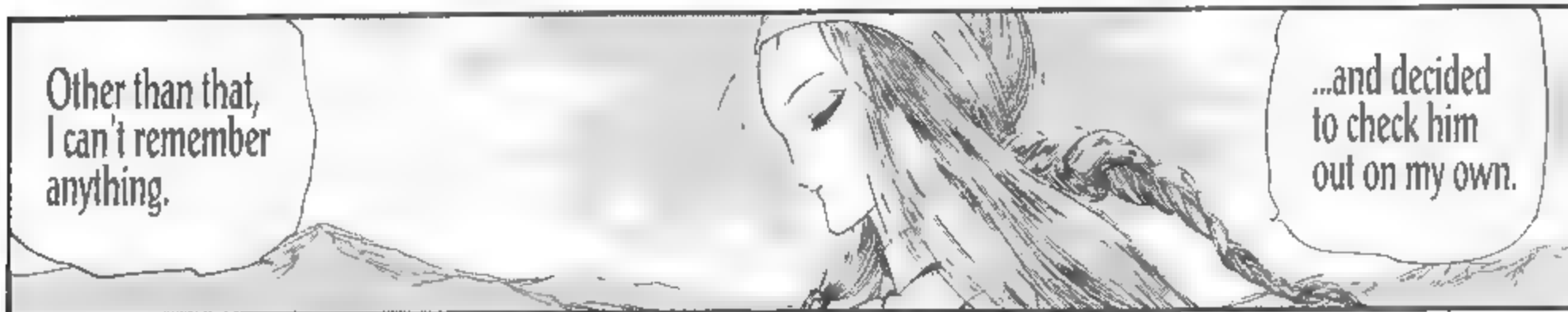
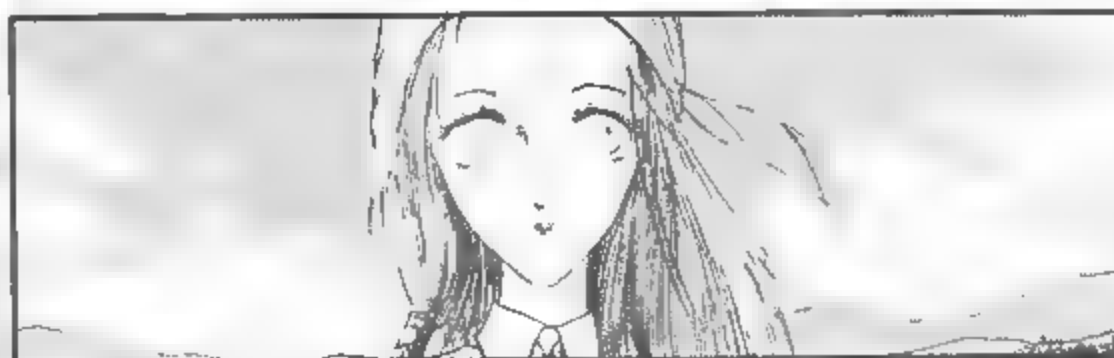
...that there was this rather peculiar scientist working on Addler...

I heard...



Delta Belun's....

There are only a few swordsmen of sage stature...Prince F.U. Rogner of Babiron, the Starless Fighter...



Other than that, I can't remember anything.

...and decided to check him out on my own.



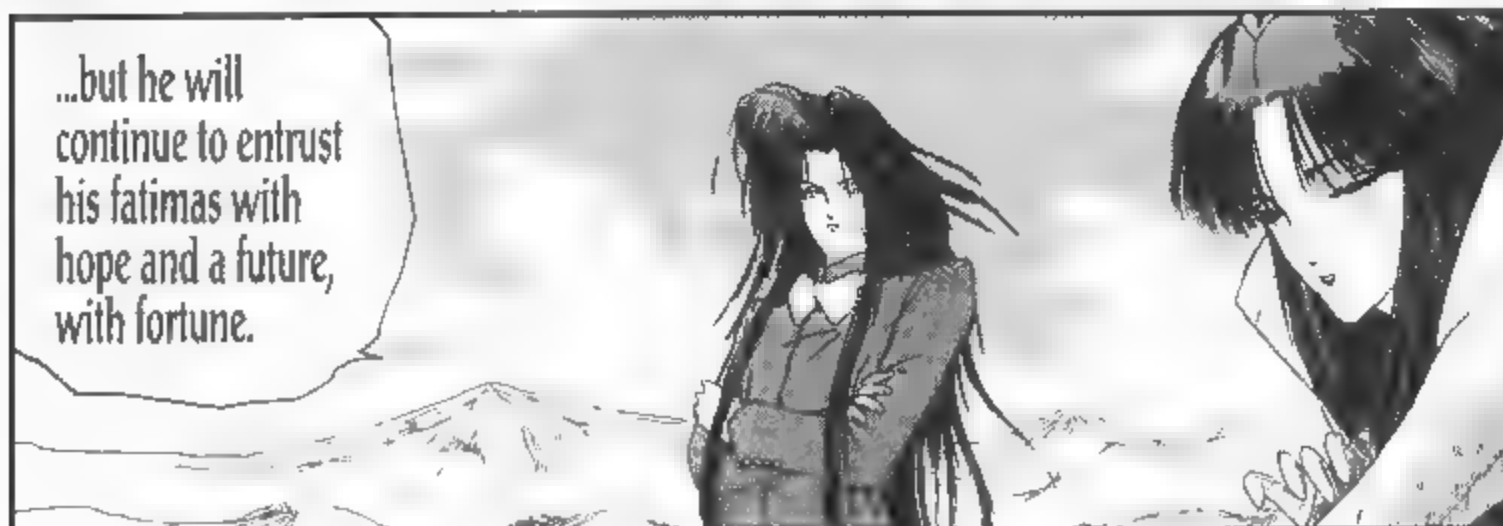
He's a dangerous thinker who has been excommunicated from the Galaxy's scientific community.

Well, you found out, didn't you?



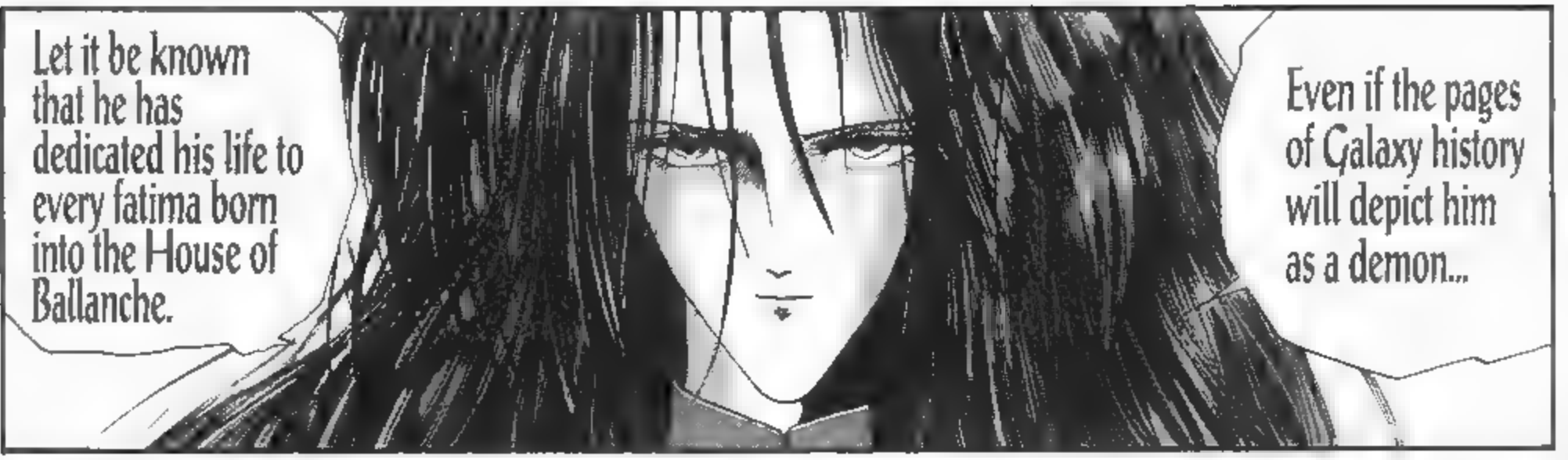
His research may be that of a madman, and he may make a mockery of Galaxy law...

He doesn't create fatimas for any person or any country.



...but he will continue to entrust his fatimas with hope and a future, with fortune.





Let it be known
that he has
dedicated his life to
every fatima born
into the House of
Ballanche.

Even if the pages
of Galaxy history
will depict him
as a demon...



*Hope's
Fortune...?*



...future's
Fortune...!

Our...



*They are our father
and mother.*



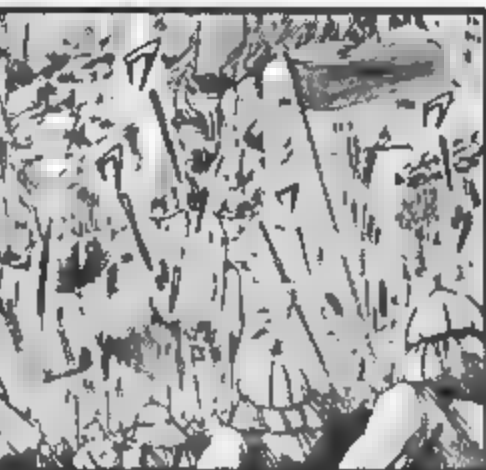
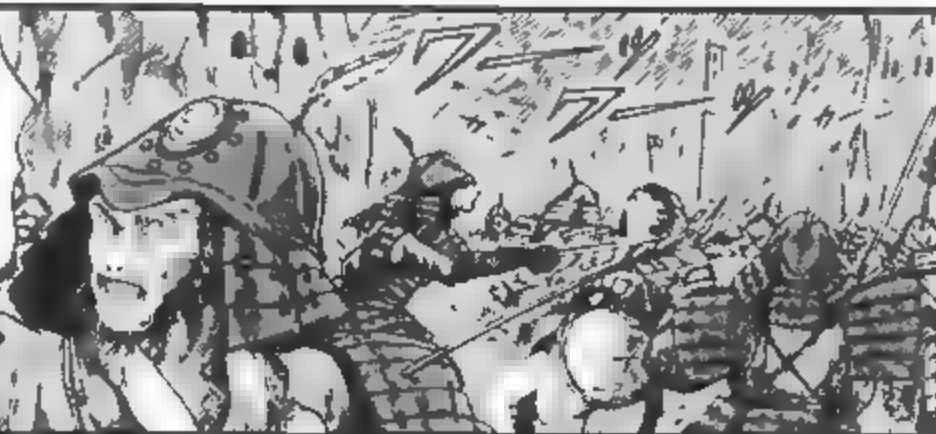
FINAL DeHon the expression 1970.
Horus Meyer go too.



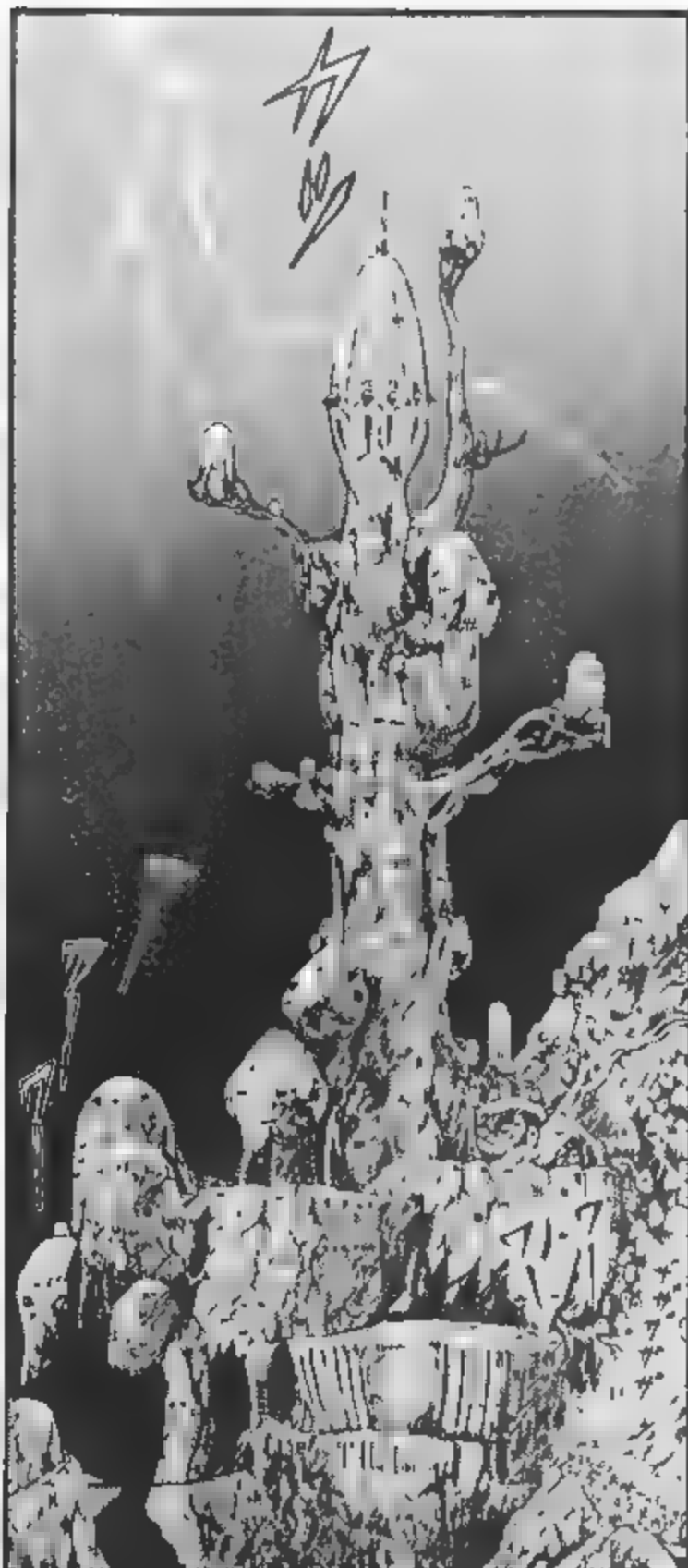


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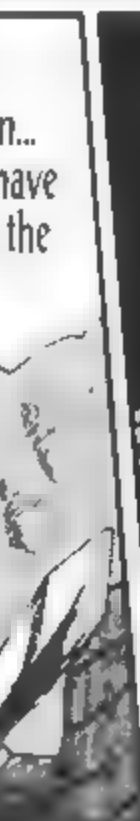
Don't give in!
Defend the
Holy City.



Ulp...



Varlqe
Rekk...Damn...
They must have
cut through the
barrier.





Kall Riss, Bon Rill! You must flee.

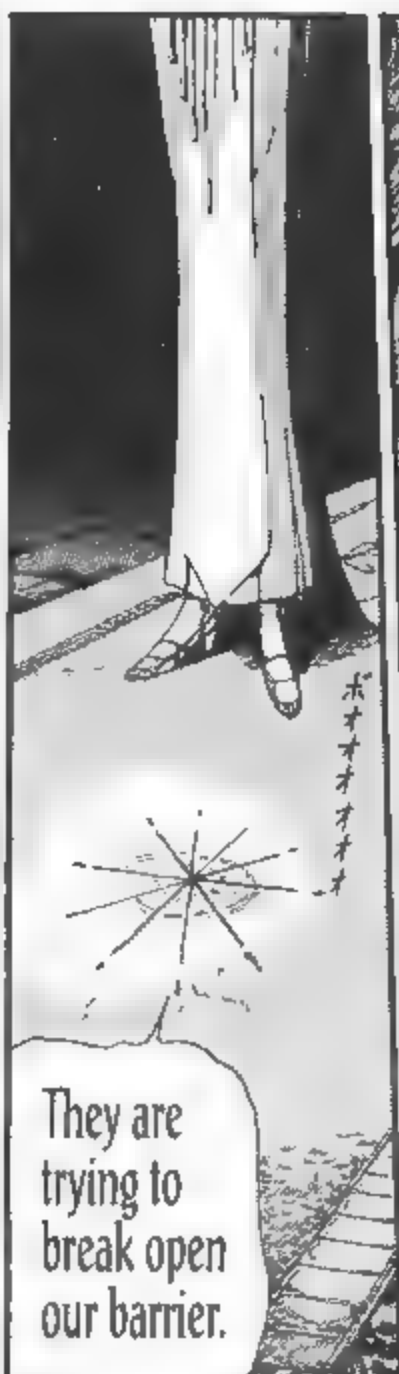


We will wait for our leader.

Venus has gone to receive the final revelation.



How can you even suggest that we abandon the holy city of Taika?



They are trying to break open our barrier.



The enemy has broken through the third circle. Our main force has retreated to the Gate of Heaven. The enemy's bus gain has reached enormous proportions



Oh no! Vancs!



You must flee now, Your Excellencies.

They've broken through the Gate.

Oh God, return
the Ten Planets to
peace and safety.
Give our people
tranquility.

Please help us,
oh merciful
one. Hear our
pleas.

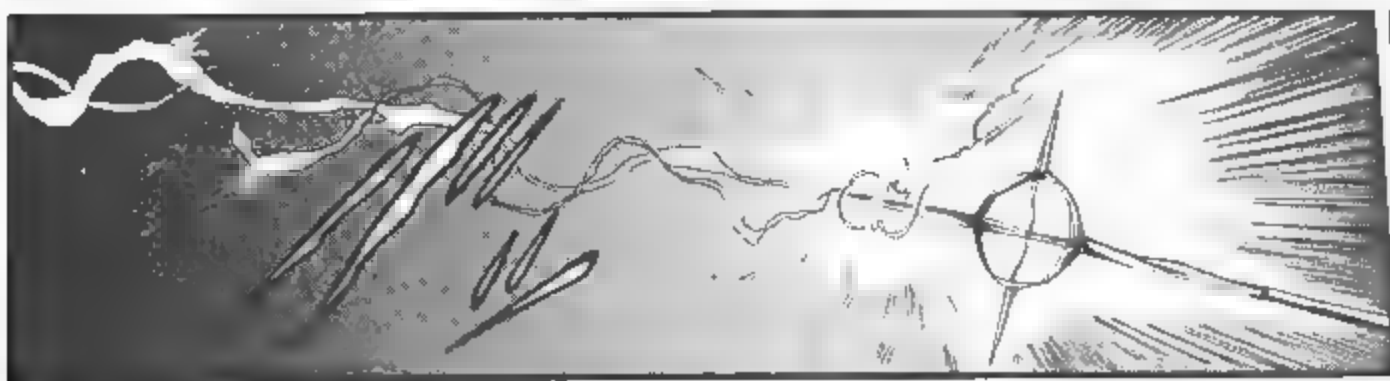
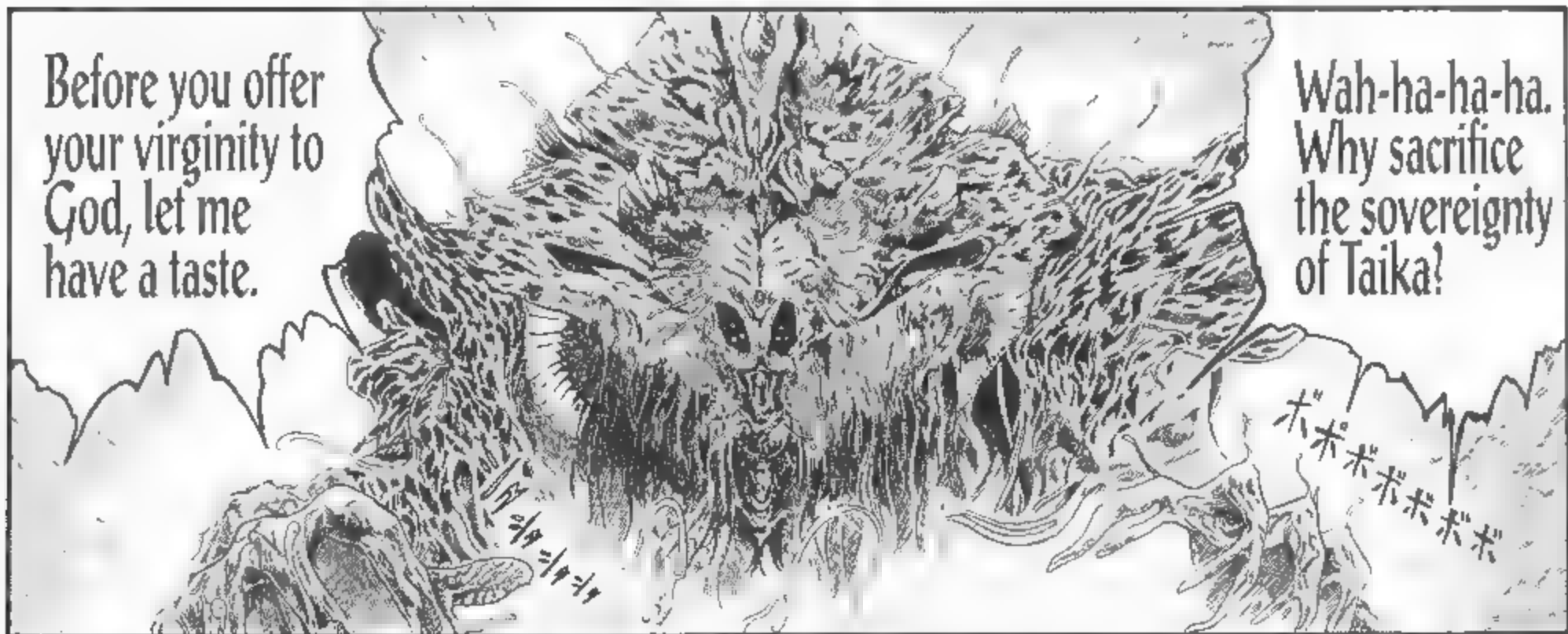
Anchor is
trying to
take Taika.

!?

Lucifer! Was
it you who
broke down
the barrier?

Before you offer
your virginity to
God, let me
have a taste.

Wah-ha-ha-ha.
Why sacrifice
the sovereignty
of Taika?



You of all
beasts...
daring to
belittle me.



Nothing
happened!
That's
impossible.



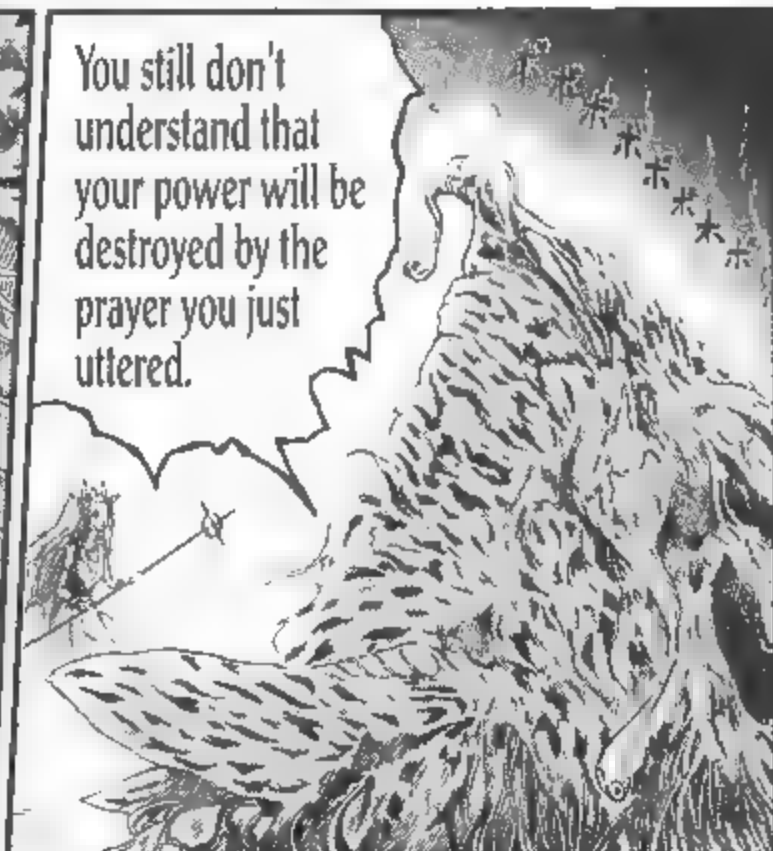
My body is not
for your taking!



Be my
wife...
Bear my
children.

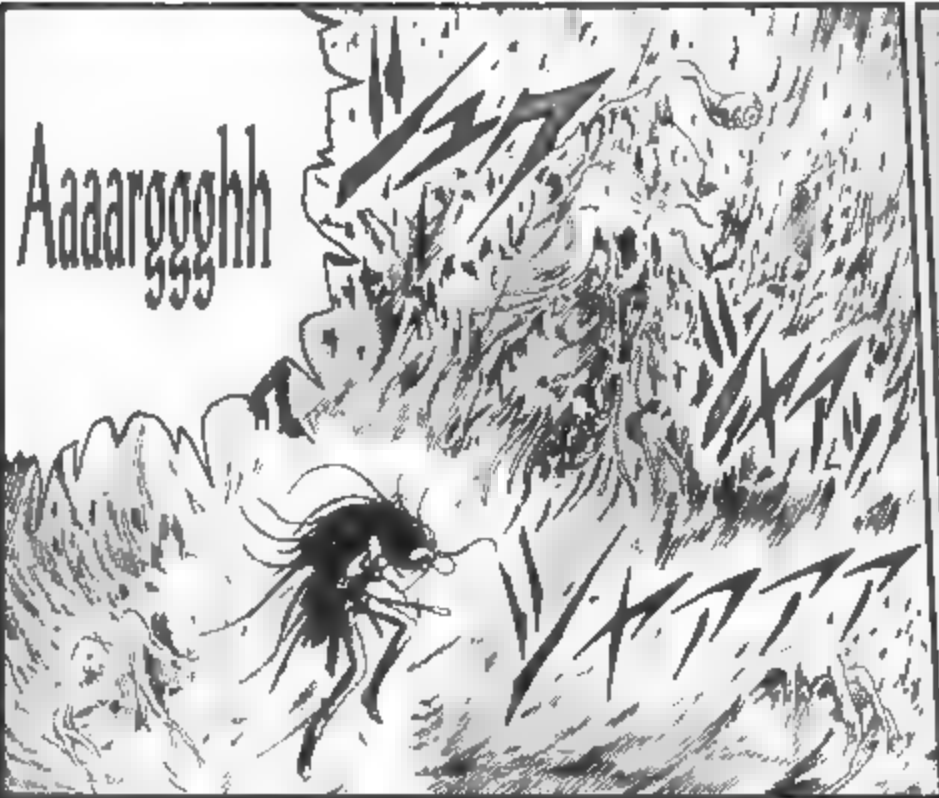


You still don't
understand that
your power will be
destroyed by the
prayer you just
uttered.



Or I'll...

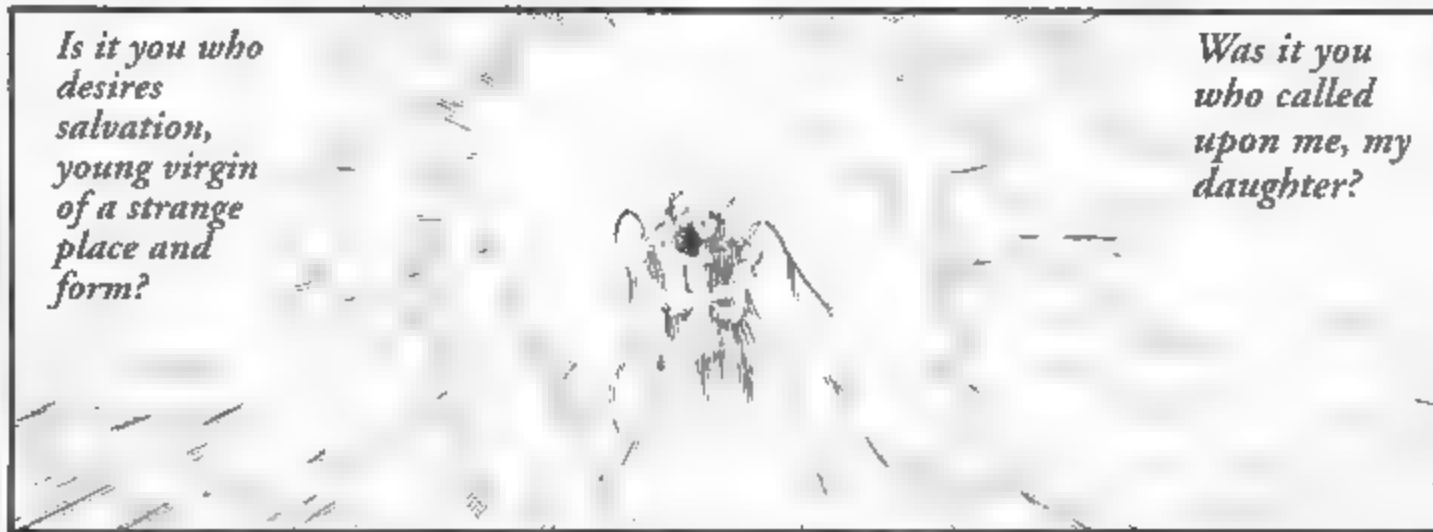




Wh...What
was that?



G...God?



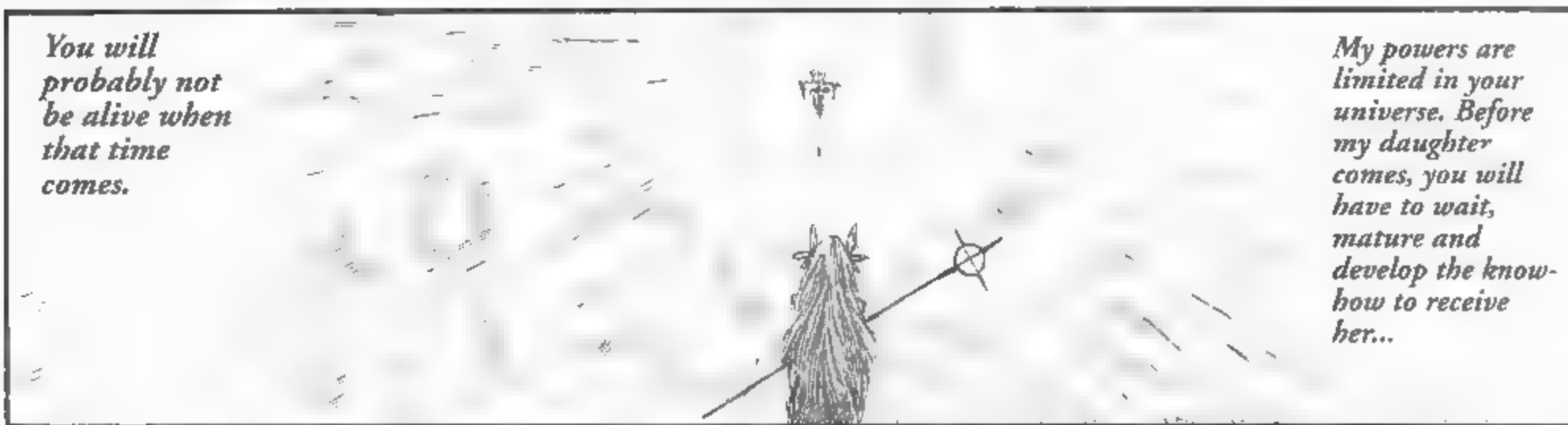
*Is it you who
desires
salvation,
young virgin
of a strange
place and
form?*

*Was it you
who called
upon me, my
daughter?*



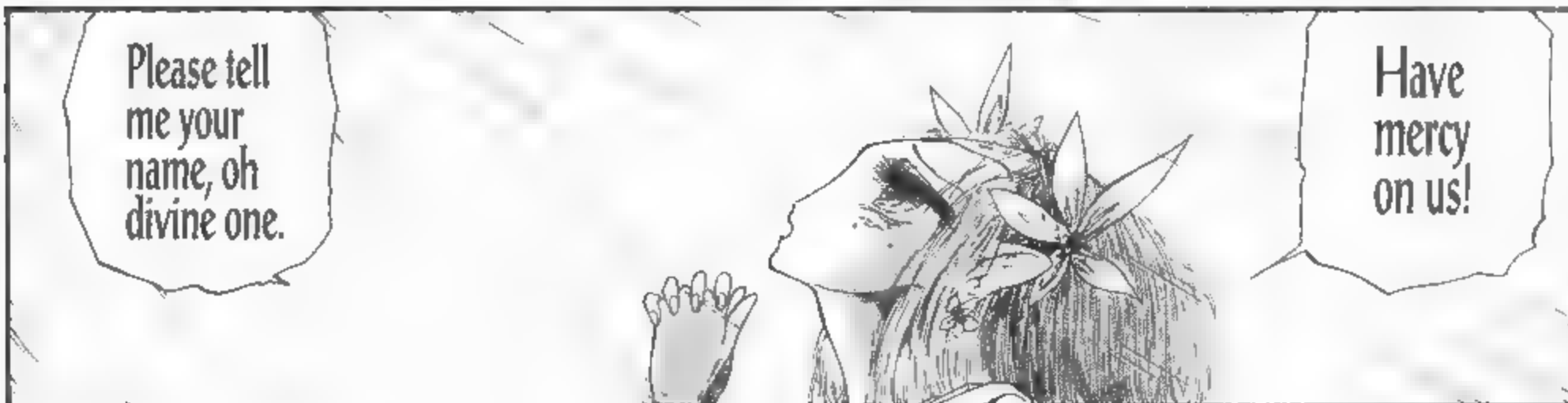
*However, continue to
pray for the end to
this war, that will
rage on for 40,000
more years, seek the
return to peace that
my daughter will
bring to you.*

*Unfortunately I
am not your god.
I am from a
universe alien to
you.*



*You will
probably not
be alive when
that time
comes.*

*My powers are
limited in your
universe. Before
my daughter
comes, you will
have to wait,
mature and
develop the know-
how to receive
her...*



*Please tell
me your
name, oh
divine one.*

*Have
mercy
on us!*

*Amateras Dis
Grand Fortune
Eydas IV**



*I am the almighty
god from the Great
Joker Galaxy in
the Milky Way
System...*

*Before I
depart, tell
me your
name, young
virgin.*

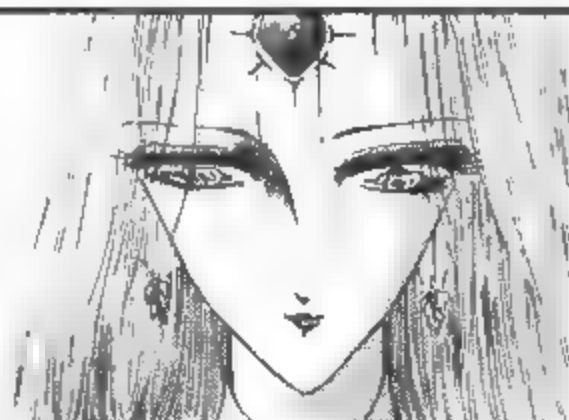


*Trust in
my
daughter.*



*Galaxy...
Milky
Way...?*

*Far in the
future, it
will be the
home of
your
descendants.*



*Silvis Vinus,
sovereign of the
Ten Planets of
Taika, leader of
the Vestal Virgins.*

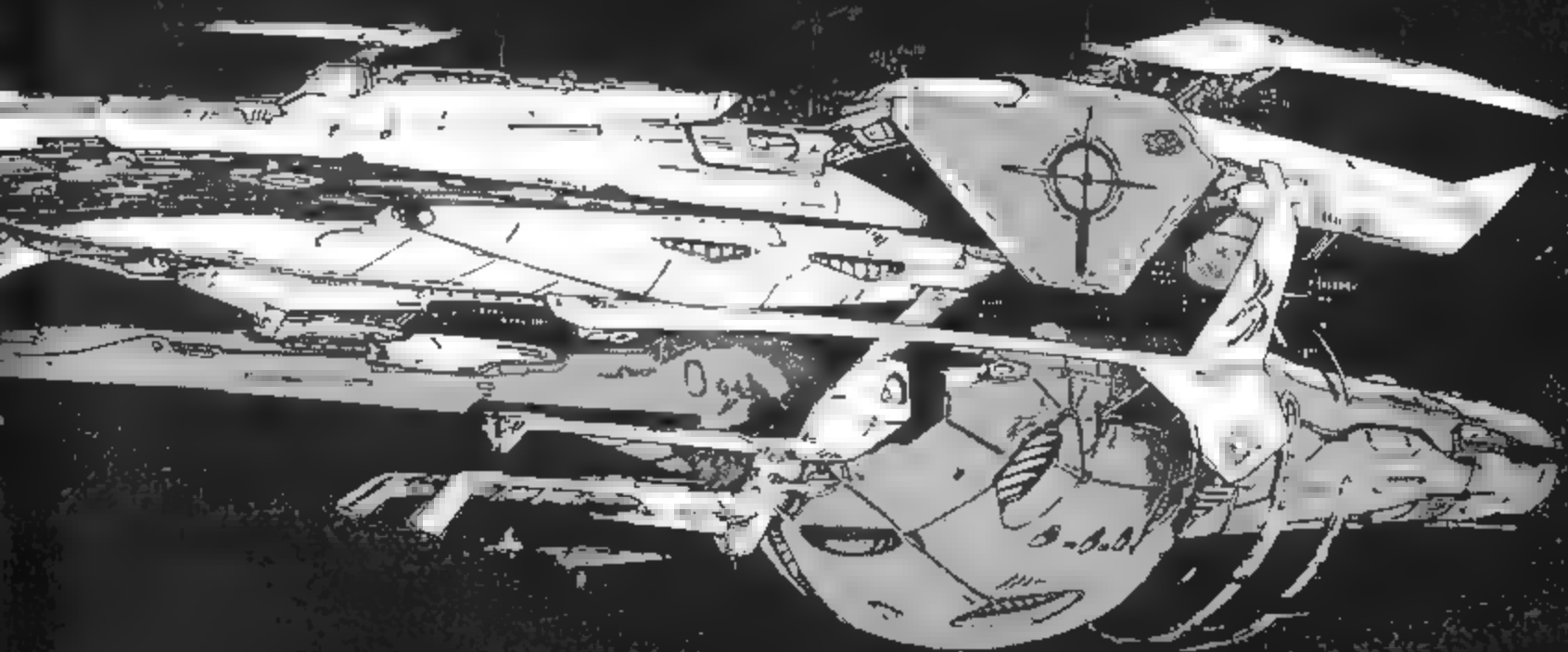


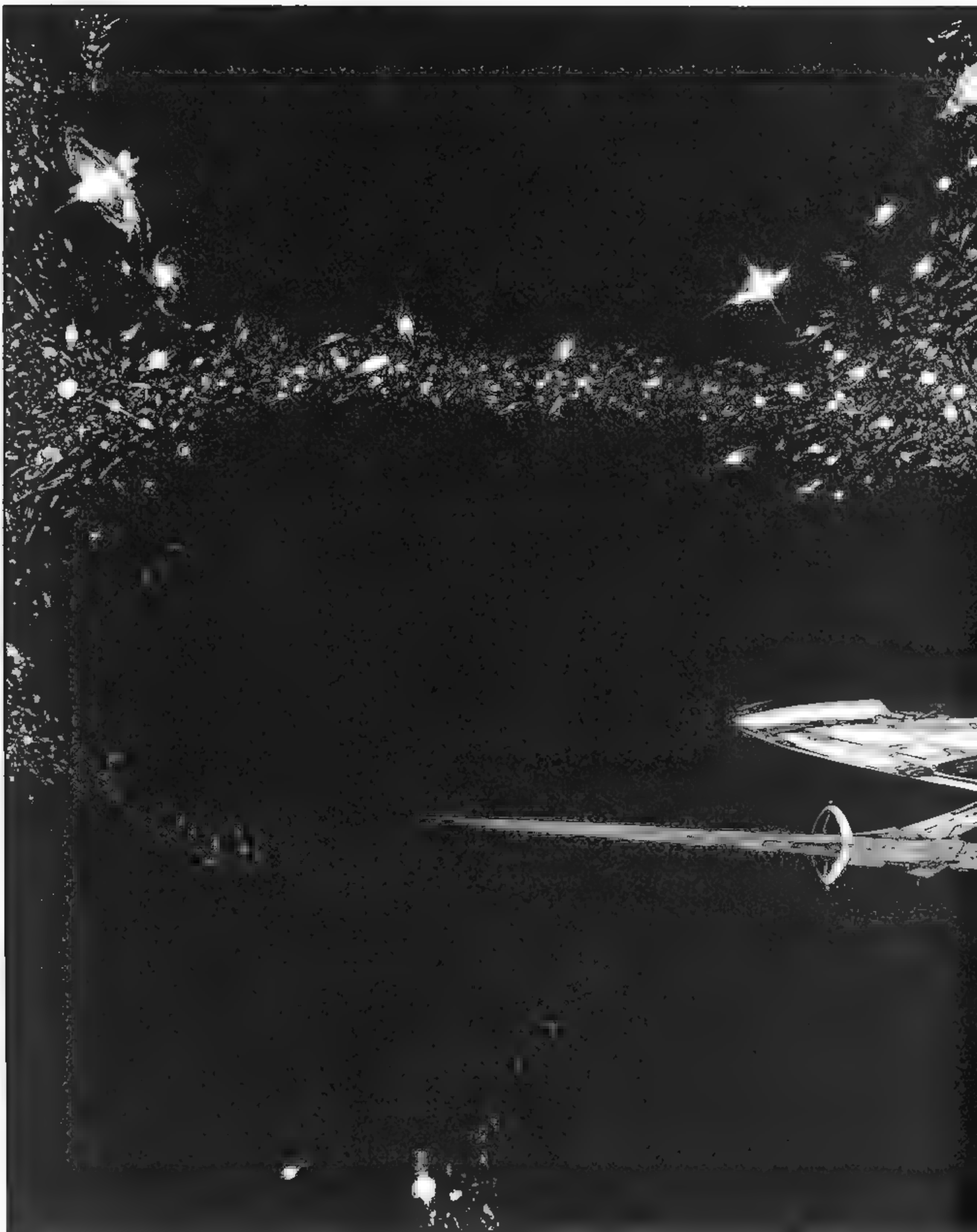
I am Silvis...

*In the Amaterasu version of the story, the title term he will take after Iadros Sopp, Rince, and Amateras IV will be forgotten by the time he will transform himself into a pan-dimensional, almighty god.

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THE NEW WORLD

-On the Other Side of Time-
From the Five Star Stories

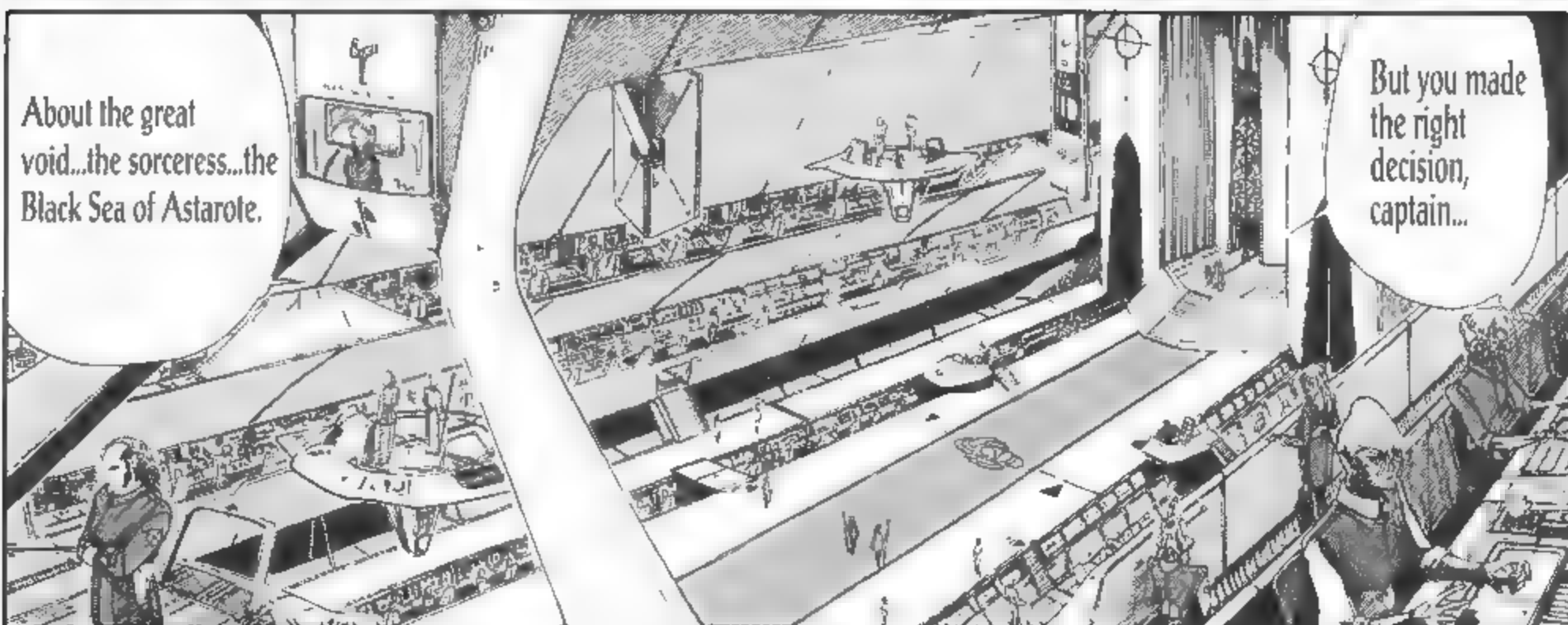
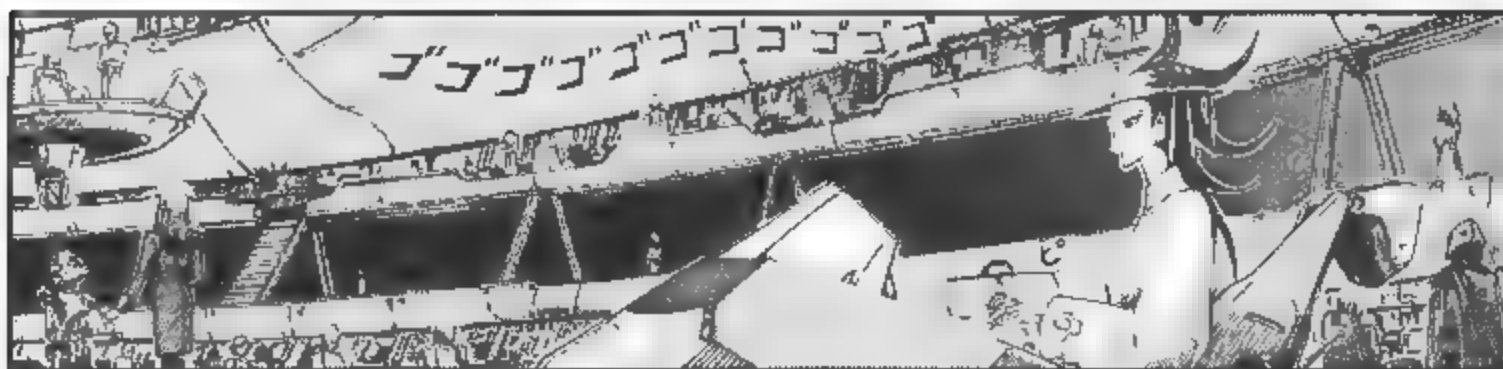






Why did it have to happen here? This is not at all auspicious

Not again!!
Damn! We'll have to do it all over again.



About the great void...the sorceress...the Black Sea of Astarote.

But you made the right decision, captain...



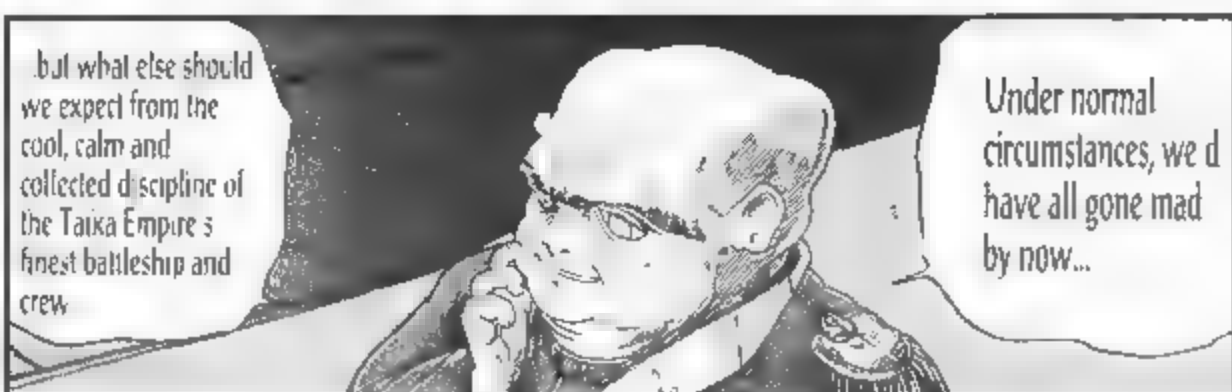
It's all due to the importance of our mission...to deliver the ultimate weapon, the MMT to URI, the savior of Taika, in time for his coronation.

Everyone has worked hard to overcome their fear.



We would have had to fight two or three battles if we had used the normal Andal Great Walls route.

This top secret tactic is our chance to end 40,000 years of war.



but what else should we expect from the cool, calm and collected discipline of the Taika Empire's finest battleship and crew

Under normal circumstances, we'd have all gone mad by now...

Before we enter it, the ship's route program must be perfect, and once we are in the Void, no changes to the program can be made. In ancient times, we seafarers called it the Witch's Forest.

This terrifying Astarote Void contains a huge starless cloud, that not even radar or light can reach directly.



Astronomers believe that galaxies are solar systems with one or several stars. A group of these stars they group together form the Milky Way Galaxy. A number of galaxies can also come together to form a system, called a cluster, and when several clusters combine, the result is called a super cluster. These clusters then form into a wall-like structure that is porous, like a sponge, and the pores are called voids. This is how astronomers today view the structure of the universe.

It's the witch, Astarote. It's the witch!

What is it, Diegyao?

Captain! Captain! We've got important news.

We're caught in the Witch's Forest!

An emergency distress signal?

What?

The problem is why we are receiving a signal while traveling through the Void. What shall we do?

I made 15,000 checks, and there is no doubt that it is a distress signal.

It seems to be coming from the rear port side. That's all I can pick up. A full scan is still impossible.



Aye-aye, sir.

Diegyao, this information is to be kept to the Bridge. No one else on the ship is to know.



It's the Witch!
We're all going to go mad!

Back to your stations! Security officer, prepare for tranquilizer injections.



Quiet!
Everyone back to your stations!



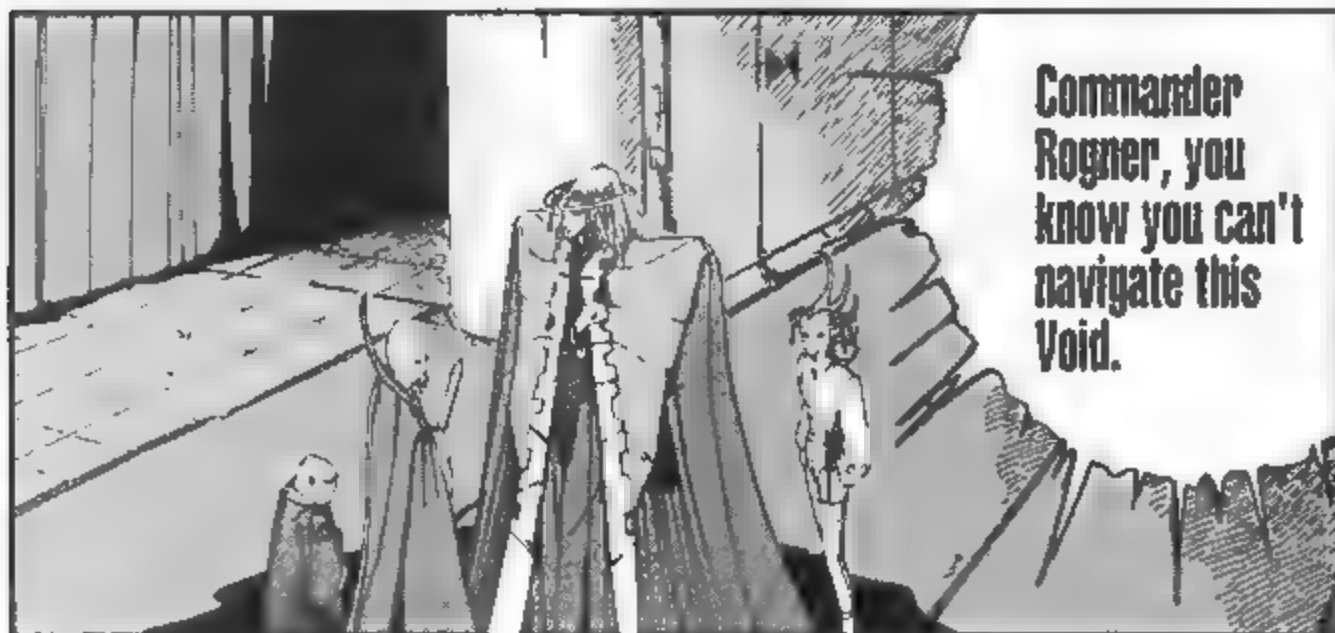
I'm going on a rescue mission. Co-Captain Diegyao, get an interceptor ready.

You're all a disgrace to the name of the imperial guard of the Ten Planets of Taika. As of now, you are all demoted by three ranks.



Why not? Think of how even the emperor'll be relieved if I don't come back.
Good riddance, they'll say

Sir! We can't let the Supreme Commander of the Imperial Forces go on such a mission.



Commander Rogner, you know you can't navigate this Void.



Shut up!
What is this?
A kindergarten?



*Quasars are hypothetical objects that are thought to be the source of the energy that is emitted from the centers of galaxies.

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able to
th just
cess in
forms
in any

The semiconductors become our nervous system and the drive system becomes our muscles. We don't need to "handle" anything. As a matter of fact, we are very impressed that beings like you...

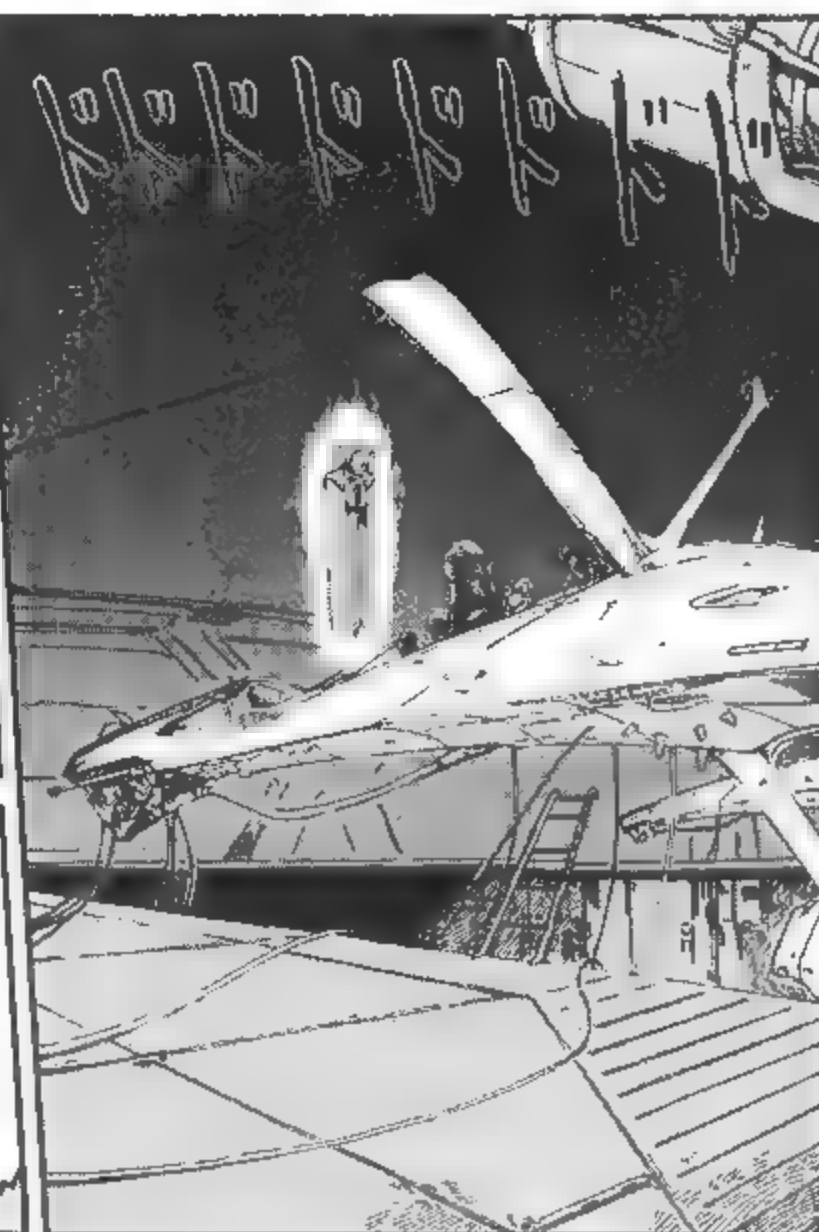
As you wish.



That's enough!
Now get ready
to depart.


...is no doubt
the appearance
of URI.

In any case, the only reason why they've deigned to cooperate with us in this war...






Gate open!
Standby!



Why in the hell did
we make these three
MMTs in the first
place?

I don't get it...




Are they planning to
bring the legendary
shaman of Taika,
Silvis back to life?



We have 21
Graphs...

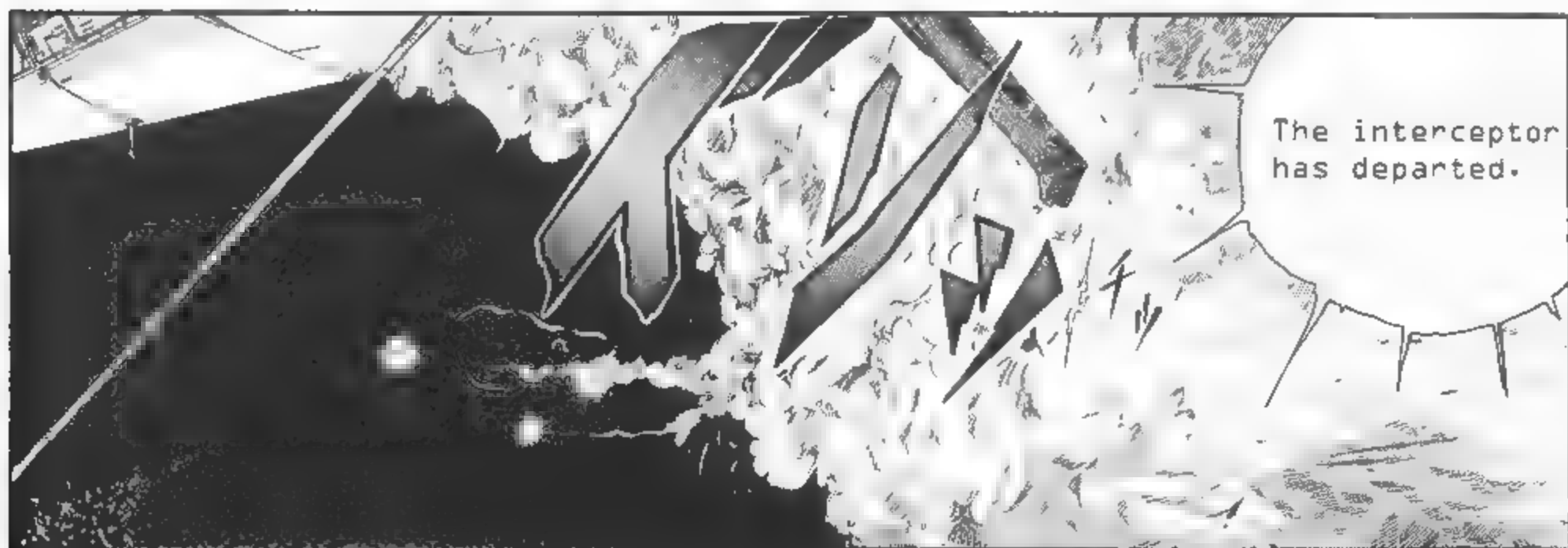


The Demon is
for JRI...

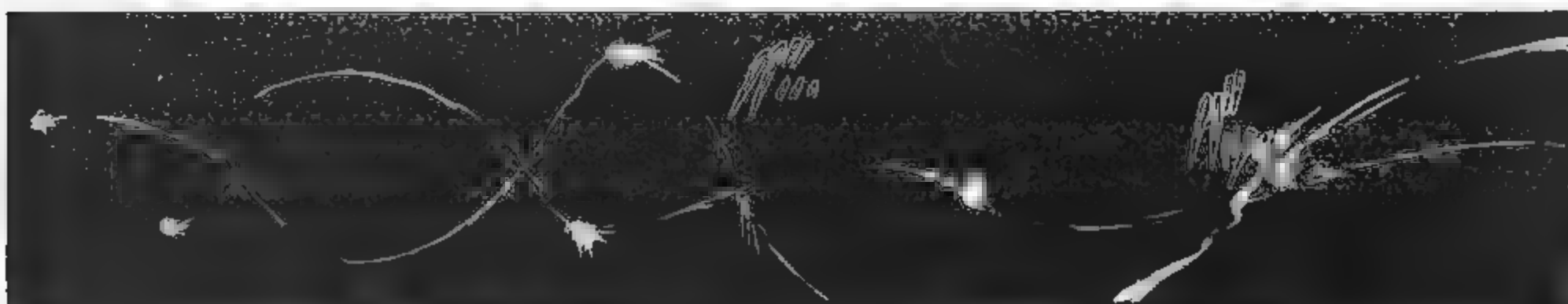


...who is going
to conduct the
Virus?

But...

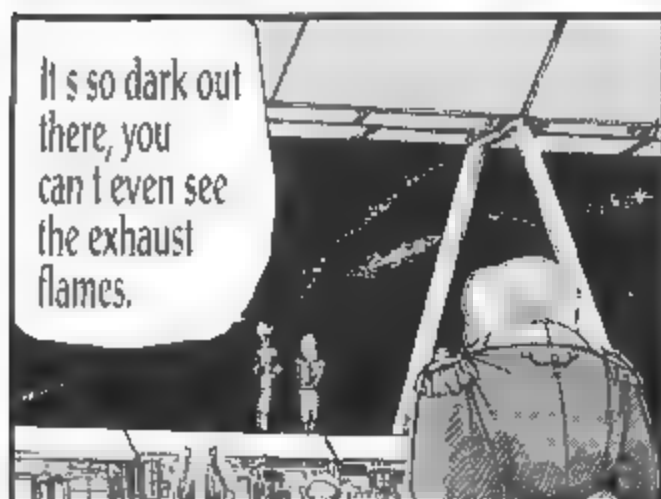


The interceptor
has departed.



Shut off the
alarm. It's
giving me a
headache.

Stop playing around.
A craft of that level
can't repair itself, if
conducted it over its
specified capacity.



It's so dark out
there, you
can't even see
the exhaust
flames.



That's what
happens when
you treat one
of our fighters
like a toy.



Ha-ha-ha!!

How much have we really progressed between Silvis's age of iron and horses and ours of inter-dimensional space travel

We've developed progressive technology to produce for us a superior material life...but what did we sacrifice to achieve all this?

Our enemies, the Anchorites, had similar powers and created a hideous creature...

It's said that during the time of Silvis, we also had supernatural powers, like being able to see in the dark.

If we look at them from an absolute point of view...they amount to the equivalent of nothing, or maybe they are all the same thing

Good and evil... God and Satan... civilization... technology... bigotry... rich and poor... If all of them exist from a relative point of view

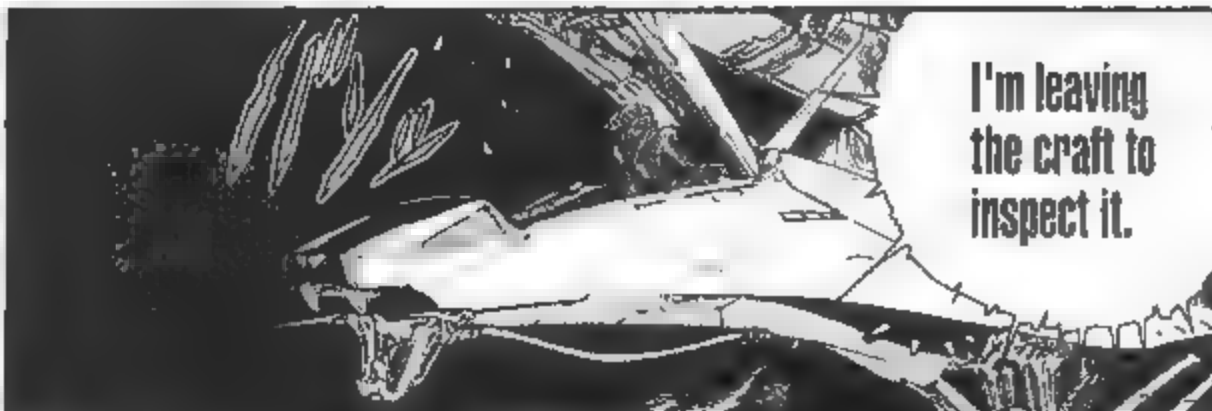
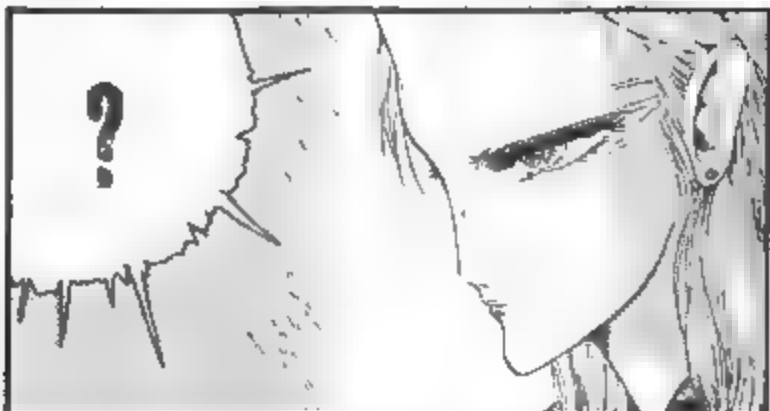
Attaining everything is the same as losing everything.

That's what the Quasars remind me of.

I've found something!

Quasars

!?



It's a structure that hasn't been recorded in our memory.



There's nothing to worry about. Our bodies are completely controlled by our minds.



You mean you can survive in outer space bear-headed? It's almost -270 degrees out there! What about the electromagnetic waves and radiation? How can you breathe?

I can hear the sound of his earring exploding from the cold.



What could it be?



?...!!

From the condition of the subatomic particles, it's been in existence for over 25 billion years!

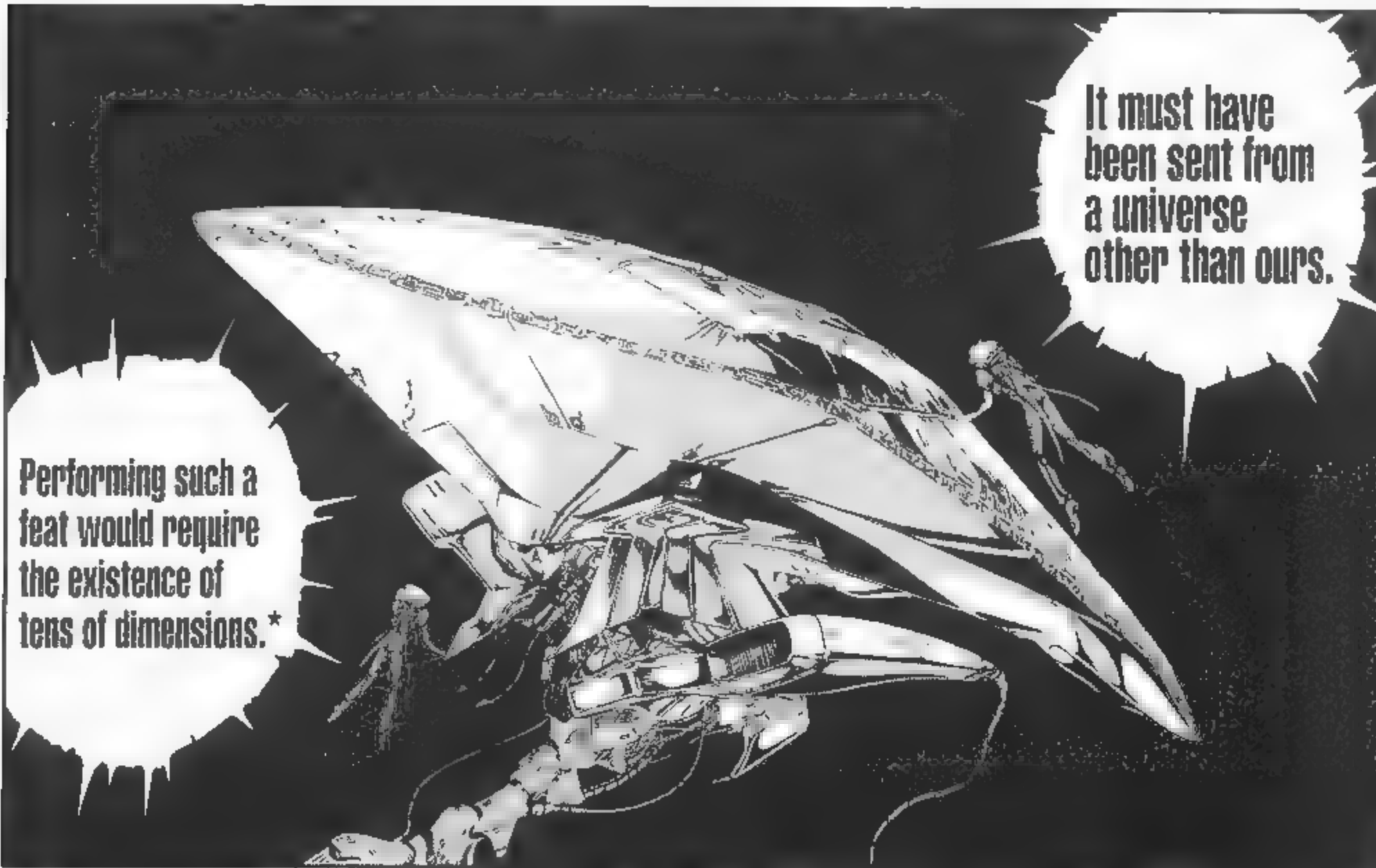


The molecular equation doesn't exist in the Universe.

It was made before the creation of the Universe!



25 billion years?! That's way older than the Universe.



It must have
been sent from
a universe
other than ours.

Performing such a
feat would require
the existence of
tens of dimensions.*

Whatever's in
there is
transmitting a
signal.

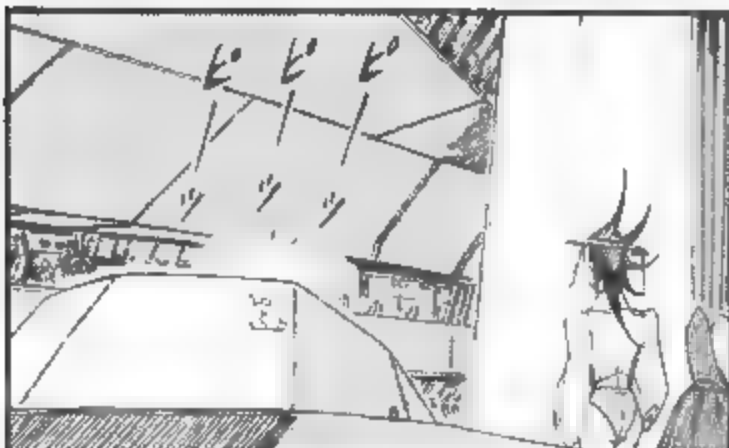
A golden
casket?

We'll come back
for it after the
mission is
completed.

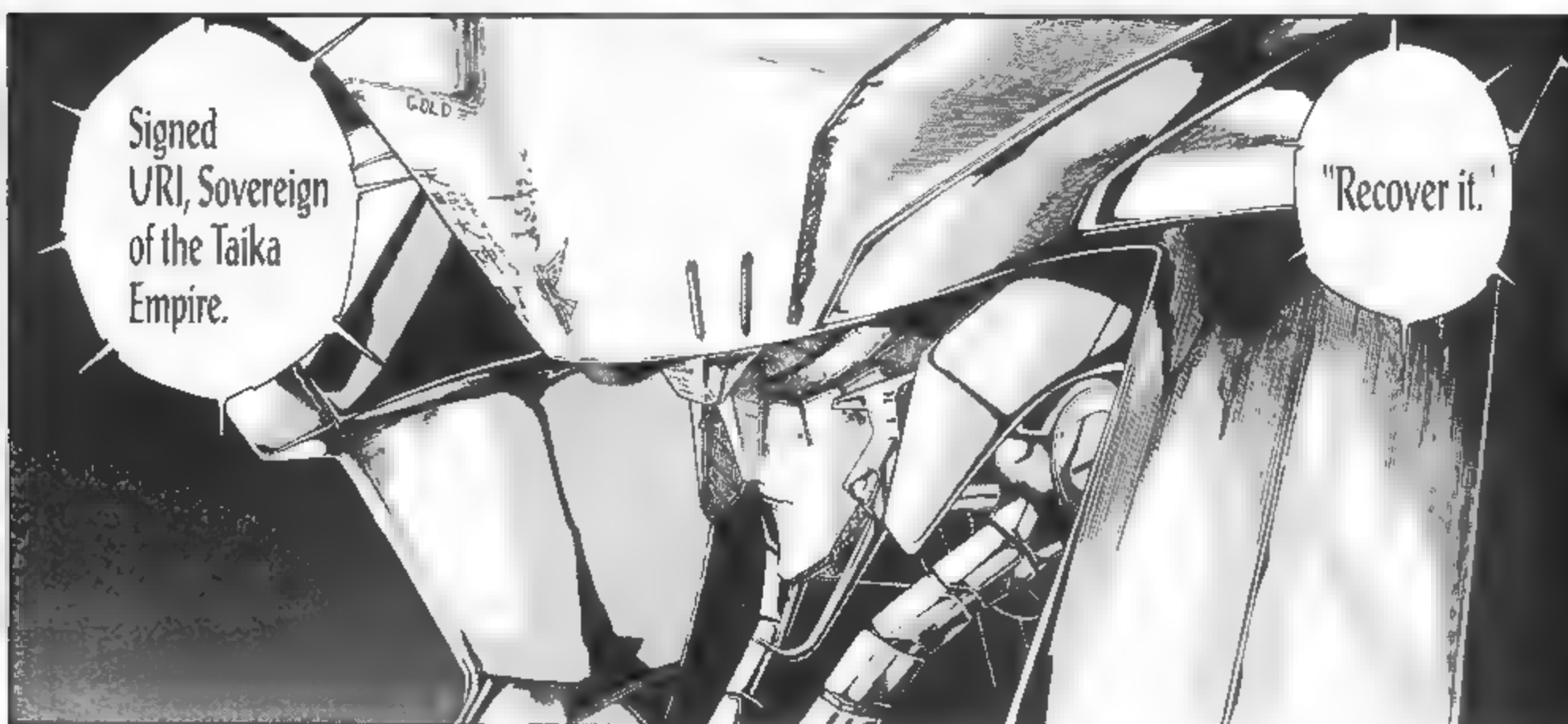
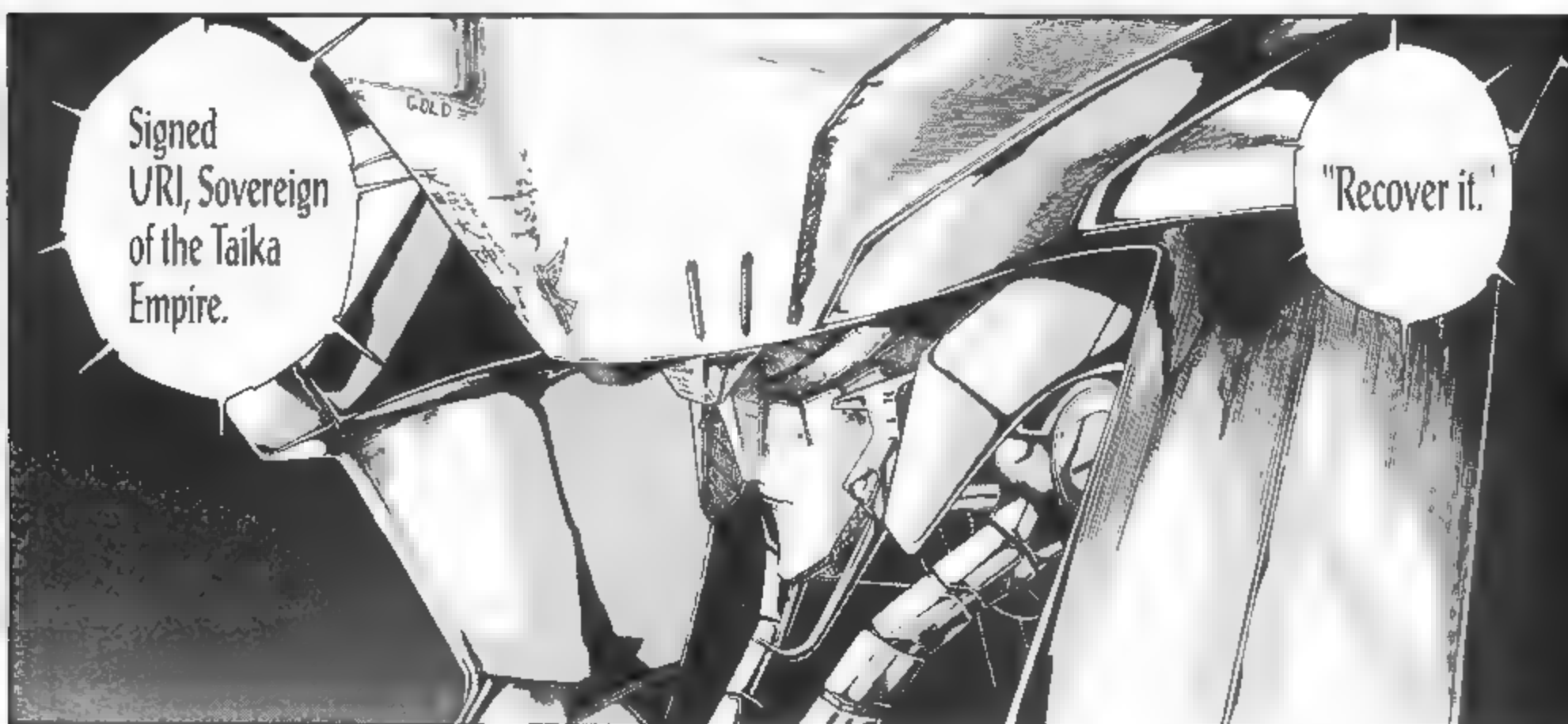
If we can't identify
the contents, we
won't be able to
recover it right
away.

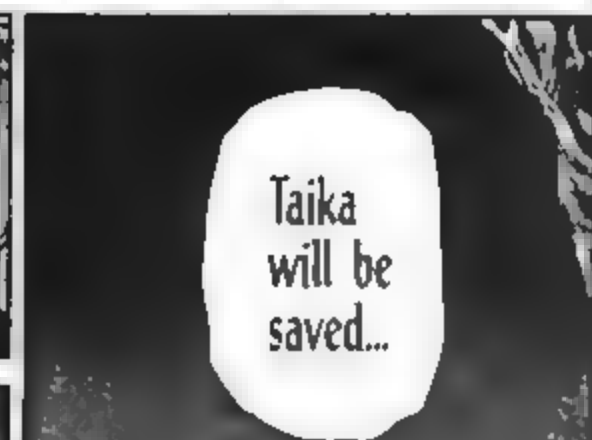
Hey...
Don't get
any ideas
about
opening it!

I'm sorry,
but you're
right.



*We humans control only three dimensions: length, width, and height. If we could control four dimensions, we could travel through galaxies. If we could control five dimensions, we could travel through universes.





...that his meaning of "salvation" is the same as ours.





...even the timing.

I wonder if URI anticipated this...



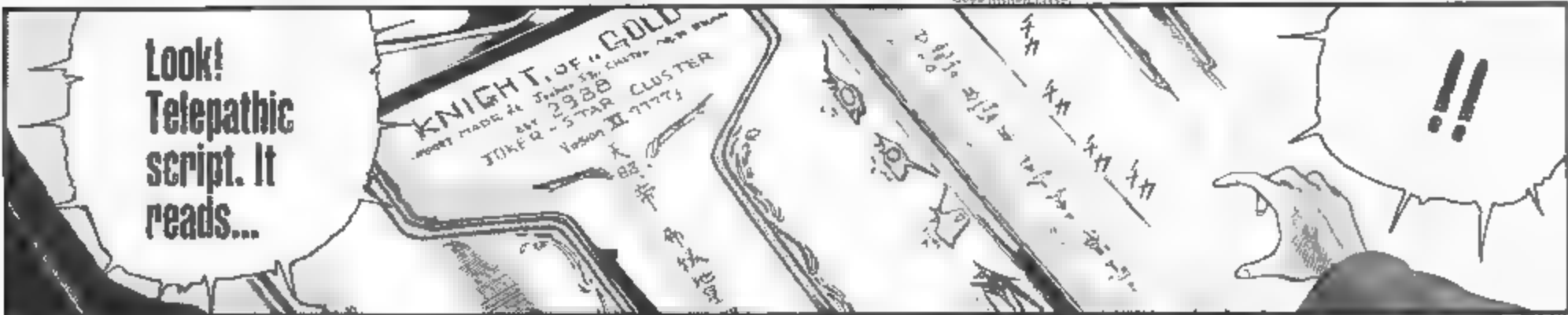
What are you talking about? There is no defense against that thing.

Commander, I'm frightened... Are you okay?



Shut up, lizard lady.

Huh? You're just trying to change the subject.



Look! Telepathic script. It reads...


KNIGHT OF GOLD
MOST FAITHFUL 24 JUNE 23, 1988
BY 2988 CLUSTER
JOKE Q - STAR CLUSTER
Version II 7777

!!



"My daughter is equal to existence; and I hereby bestow her power. For eternity."

"I have sent this from fortune. I am nothing, powerless. I send this in memory of my daughter."



*Keep your
hands off
of me!*

At least
that's what
I think it
means.

What it means is "This
is my daughter. I can't
do anything with her.
Please take care of her
for me."

It is an... What kind of parents would throw his daughter away like that?

If so, there's
probably a
women inside.

I think your
interpretation
is accurate
enough.

*It would be
the height
of disrespect
in our sense
of civility.*

*Don't you dare
touch this Knight
of Gold, the hope
of my mother
and father for
5,670,000,000
years now.*

*I am the daughter
of Amaterasu Dis
Grande Fortune
Eydas IV and his
wife Gibih Lachesis
Fannatic Ballanche
Amaterasu Guriess,
who was created by
Chrome Eiz-Fates
Ballanche.*

*I am the god of
light called forth
by Emperor Mel
Cluster, also
known as
Amaterasu Mel
Grande Grees
Eydas III.*

No. It's a
poltergeist.
It's echoing
throughout
the ship.

She's
speaking
our
language.

*Citizens of
Lastafalte, Taika,
citizens of
Quasar, Graph,
thank you all for
building the
"Vinus." You
have done well.*

*I am Princess
Kallerna. As a
child is was called
Kalle
Ka=ller=Kallen,
and I am
Amaterasu Mel
Grande Eydas
Fortune V.*



Huh?




Thanks for
taking over
for me today!
I'll be home
this evening.



What's
this?

Oh-oh!


Okay.
Have a
good time.



Oh my! Right under the
Mirage logo. I'll have
the stone replaced right
away.




It's... Well, a while
ago Lachesis and
Spector were
scratching graffiti
and...



The circle and
cross of the
helix...

I'll draw you a
helix... Distorted
like sunlight
filtering through
the branches on
a winter's day.



No...I can't recall...

Wait a minute...

If you say so, Your Majesty.

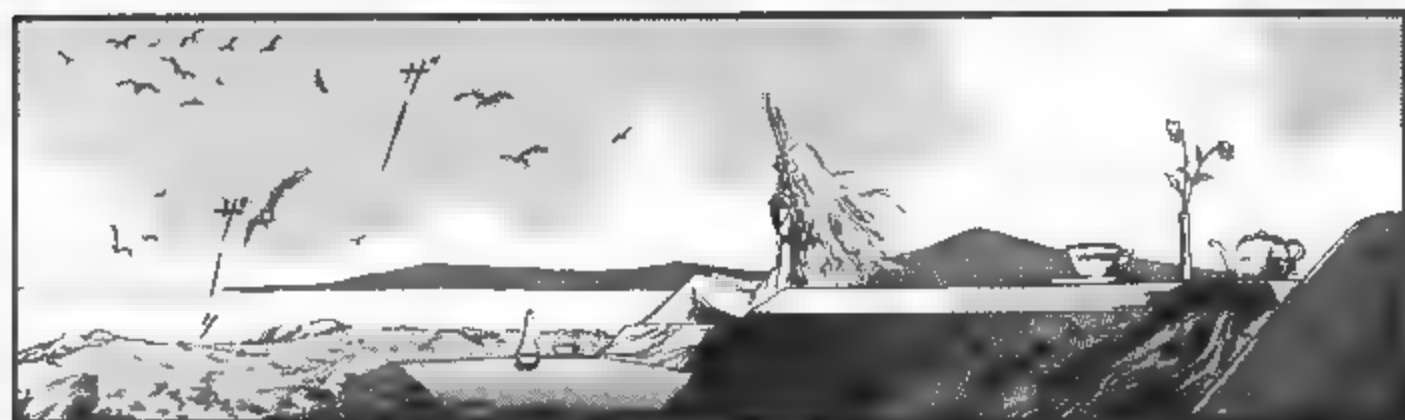
It's okay, Lonn...Leave it the way it is. You'll understand someday.



Hand down the Five Star Stories to future generations,
So that our wisdom will become their mythical tradition,
And our history their fortune.

Amatecua JC 1914 From Warren.





You probably think it rather odd for a royal library to be located on such a small island.



I've made a lot of photocopies... Now I can't wait to see Jūno and...

Thanks to you, I've finally been able to read to my heart's content.



Was there something you liked in particular?

This is a very important place to me. I hope it will never change.

So there must have been something back then that we no longer have.

I've come to the conclusion that for the past ten thousand years since that time, we haven't progressed one iota.

Yes. The books about the history, legends and mythical tradition of the time when prehistoric Joker began to develop civilization.

What have we done other than try to kill one another on the battlefield?

I can't believe such words coming from the mouth of Dis Vice, whose fame as a warrior king echoes throughout the Galaxy.

Those who were not gods themselves tried to save, love and kill others in God's name.

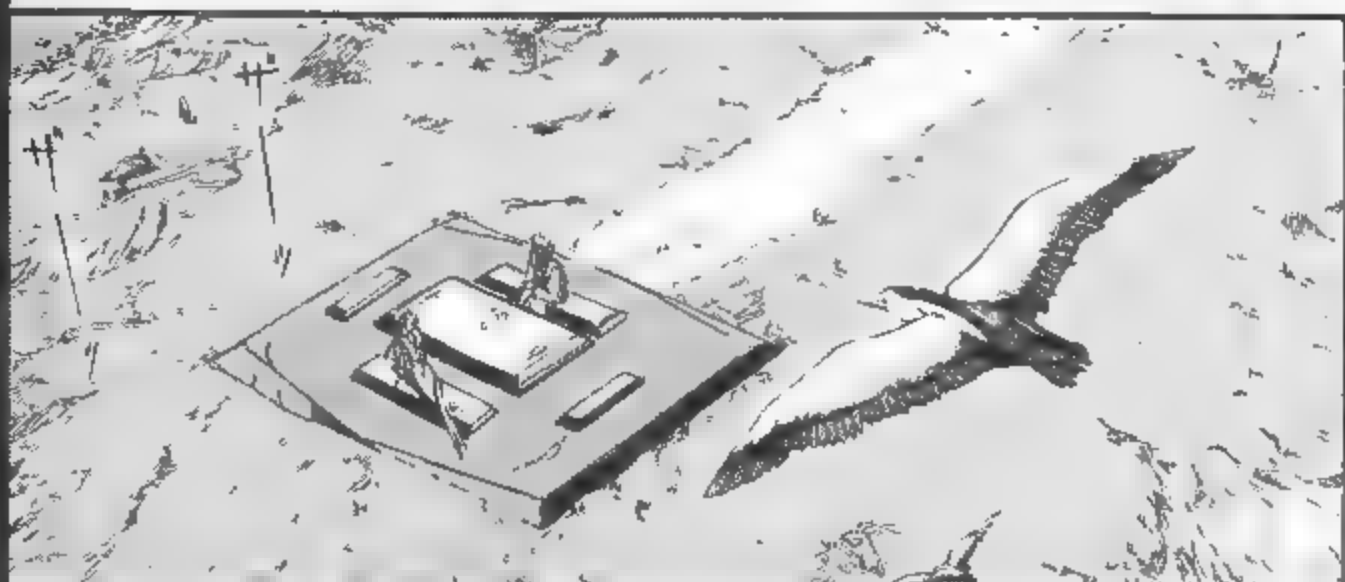
First people tried to live in the image of God, then they ended up making him the reason for waging war.

But what bothers me is what is written in many of the legends and myths.

It must have become a necessary part of people's lives back then.

That may show
that even among
us human beings,
there is the
understanding
that the end will
surely come.

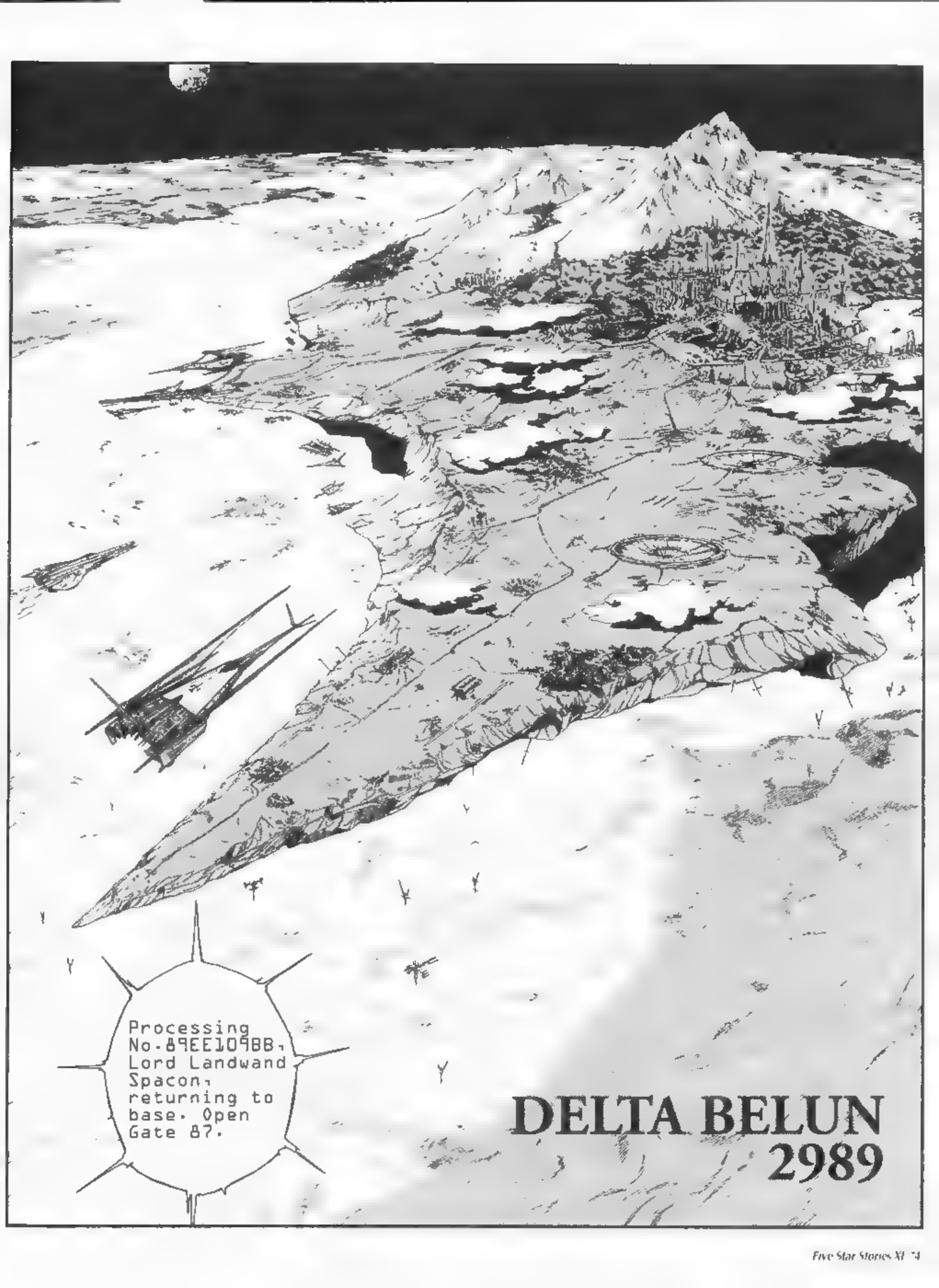
"He shows
himself only in
the beginning
and the end."



I think I
understand
now...

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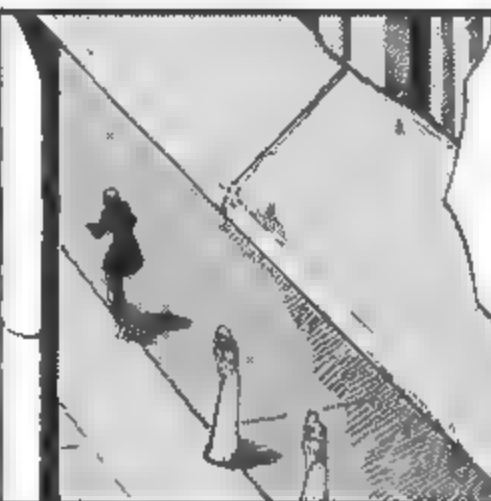
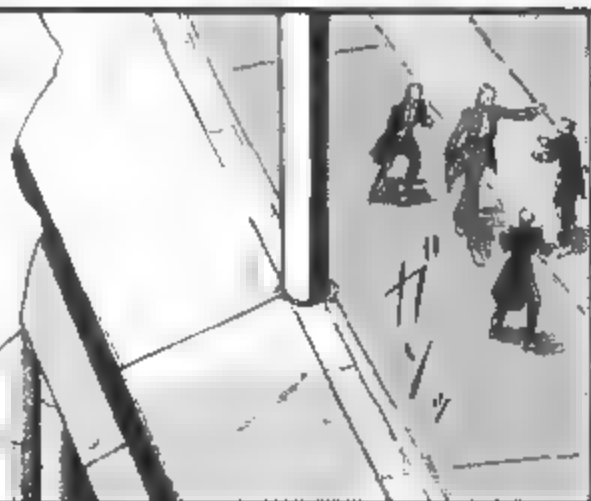
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Processing
No. 89EE109BB,
Lord Landwand
Spacon,
returning to
base. Open
Gate 87.

DELTA BELUN 2989

Give me a break! Who in the hell do you think you are deploying the LED Mirages into their first battle while I was away?



Welcome back Sir Land. Congratulations for a job well done over the past six months while stationed on Addler.

Welcome back. It's been a long time since we've seen you in the flesh.



Land! Why don't you vent your anger where it belongs...on the Emperor.

S...Sir Land...

To hell with Mirage No.3! I've got just one word for you...I quit.



Let me tell you something though. If I'd been at Atork, I wouldn't have let King Colas do what he did.



Yeah. I got rid of that robotic stuff. Too bulky...Slowed me down too much.

You planned it just right, Hind...Bringing her to in time for my arrival.



It wasn't me. It was her.

Master!



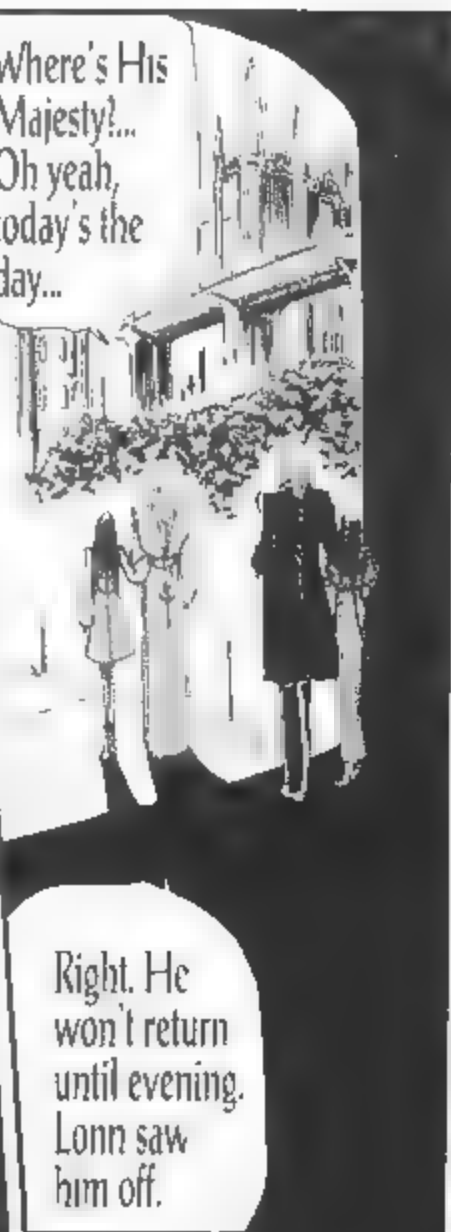
Tisphone! How's the girl?

Boo!





Where's His Majesty?...
Oh yeah,
today's the
day...



Right. He
won't return
until evening.
Lonn saw
him off.



Tieylea! I think
your master's
cageyness is
rubbing off on
you. Whaddya
say Hind?



I'm glad
your back,
Land.



Retiring, huh?
What a career.

I'm sorry for
popping off
like that
before.

What are you
talking about?
His Majesty's
just gone out for
a while

No,
I meant
Aisha.

It seems it's already destroyed
twenty MHs, and all their
headdliners and fatimas are
missing in action. News has it that
it killed Nyos from Poerlan and
Michael Lester the Bronze Knight.

I heard from Bayia about this
mortar headd that's been
seen in the vicinity of
Kastenpo.

Comman-
der..

But that's usually
the reason for war
isn't it? Hell, we did
it on Jüno with the
LEDs!

Hmmph. I'll bet it's some
guy with a new weapon
he wants to test
experimenting illegally
with it in the field.

It would
have been
much more
interesting
if Auxo had
died.

The Dark Knight's
Auxo has just been
rejuvenated, but the
Schpeltor is out of
operation.

After all, we certainly aren't going to crawl on our knees to Kaien and ask him to protect Aisha, are we?

I don't have any control over the Left's Bayia. I guess we're going to have to ask His Majesty to call out the Mirages.

He knew she may be in danger, so he appointed Lonni as Aisha's next in command.

I think you're on the wrong track, Sacheir. We can't go around deploying Mirages for personal reasons, even Aisha.

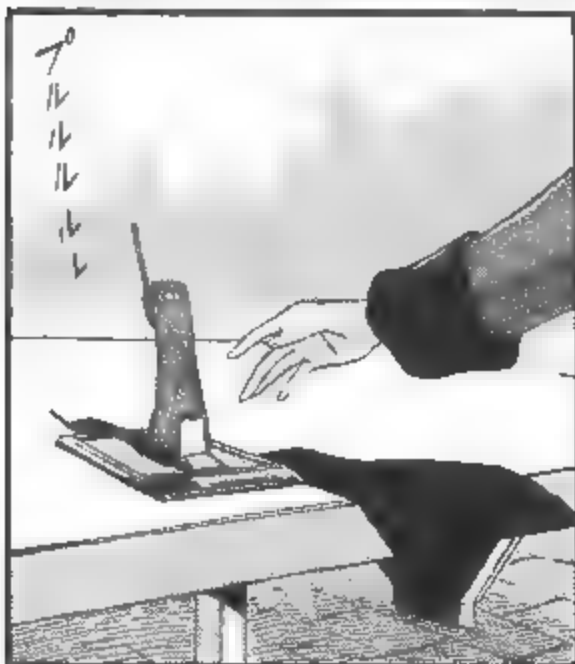
Get the hell outta here! I'll twist your little neck off for you, runt.

Don't bring these mutants around here anymore. Get 'em out of my sight.

It's all beyond me. And one other thing...

We could kill you, but that wouldn't be any fun. Maybe we'll just make a mess out of Eatta. Heh-heh-heh.

What's the matter? You too good for us machine children?



The
Ashura
Temple...

Master,
there's
someone on
the phone.

Oh yeah,
now I
remember.

Do you
mean the
Mejoro
Dynasty?

Hey, Magaella!
Last year, just before
we came back, there
was something that
happened, right?

Hello. Well,
well!...Huh?
Kastenpo?
Uh-huh...

Nobody'll tell
me where
Mr Sopp's at.

Everybody's
acting strange
today

I don't think His
Majesty would
be angry about
something like
that.

I wonder if
they're mad
at me for
scribbling on
the logo.

Actually,
today is...

That was a pretty rotten thing to do.

...the anniversary of Litra's passing.

Litra,
I'm here.

It's been a
year since we
said goodbye
on Addler.

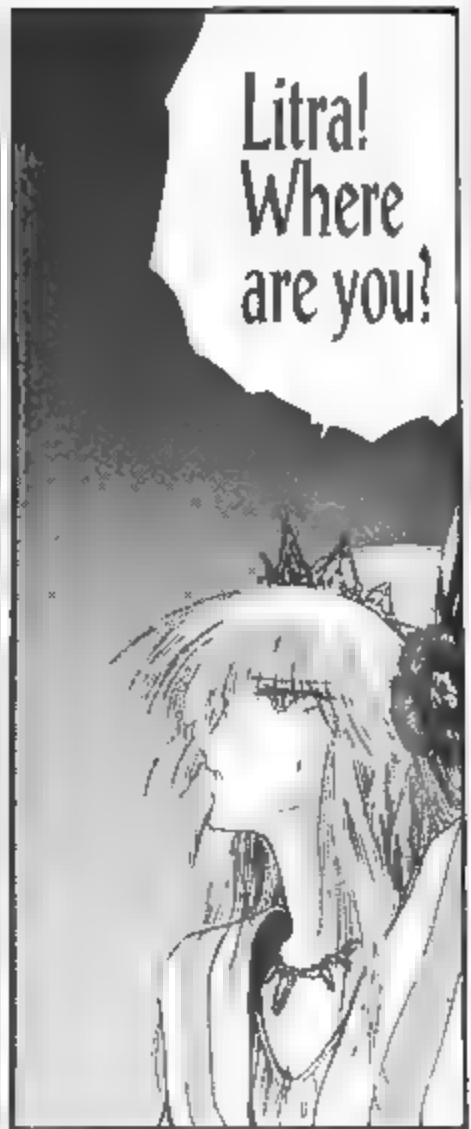
That's odd...I
can't believe
she wouldn't
be here, today
of all days.



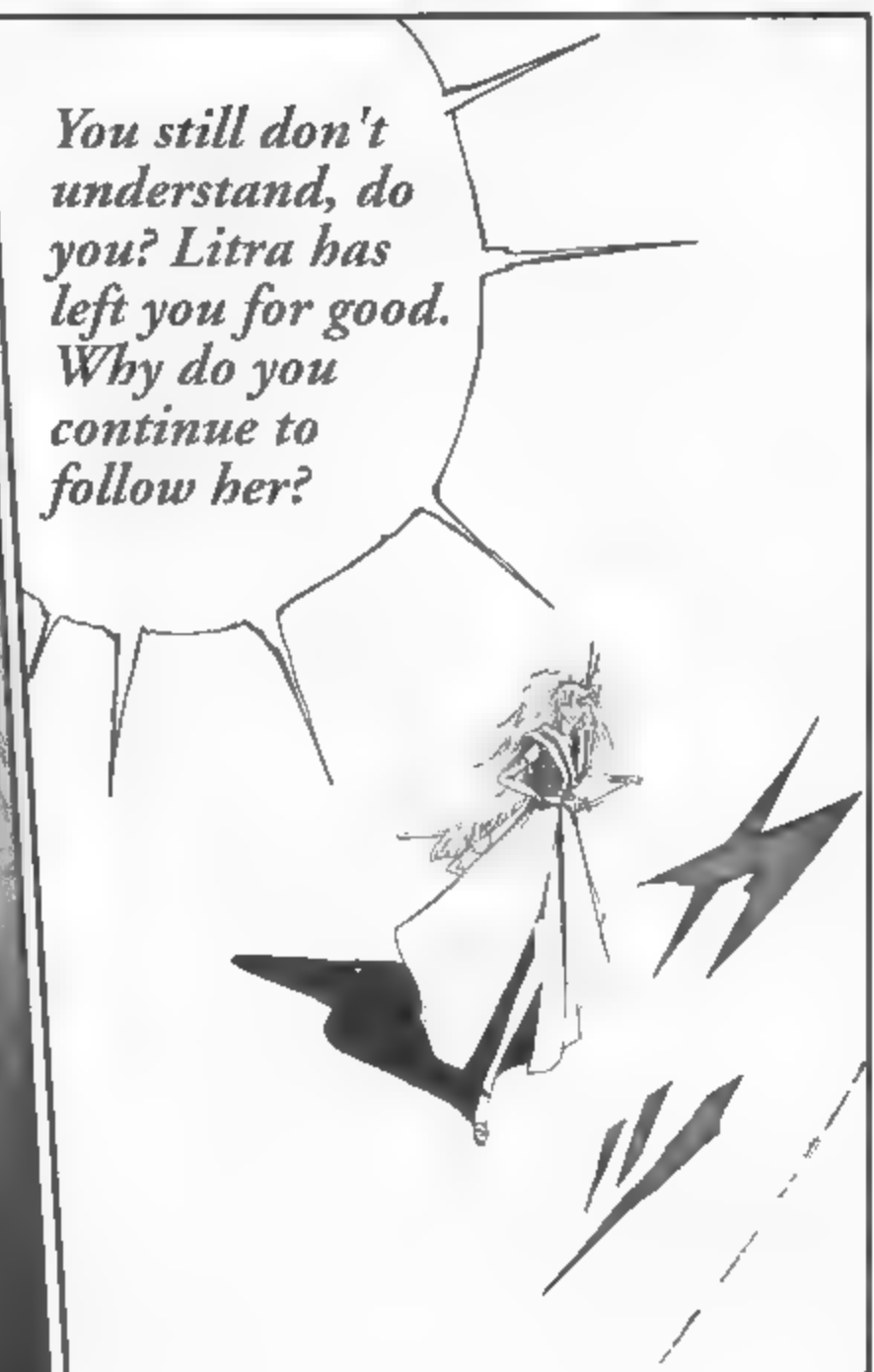
Litra!




Litra!
Where
are you?



*You still don't
understand, do
you? Litra has
left you for good.
Why do you
continue to
follow her?*





*She's here.
You just
can't see her.*

*How could you
be content with
clinging to a wife
that's been dead
for hundreds of
years? Do you
think you're still
Ludios Sopp?*

*You have
Lachesis now.
Why do you
continue to
want Litra?*



Lachesis means nothing to me, other than being my best partner on the Knight of Gold.

You know why!
How could you expect me to love a fatima?

Why do you want to make me love a fatima? I don't understand! Tell me!

All I wanted was the most powerful mortar headd with your face!

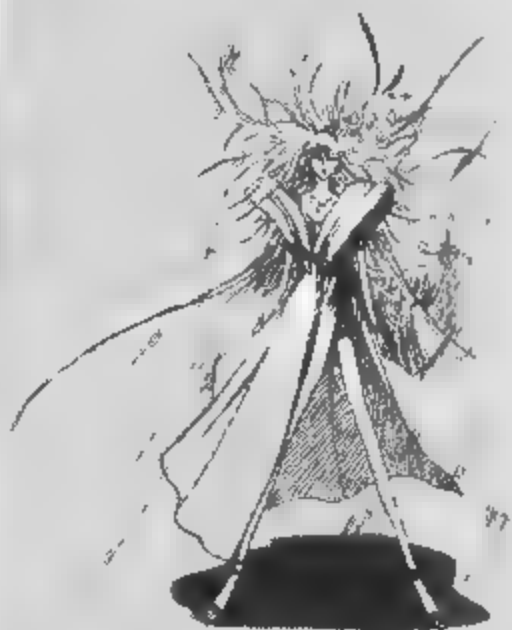
I am sexless. I was born as a thing excluded from both the benefits and influence enjoyed by life forms.

When I appeared, I had no father, no vision, no hearing, no sense of touch, or even skin pigment. I wasn't even given sex organs.

I'm a monster that was given life by you, and only you.

I was programmed to be like a human being for fifty years...

...BY YOU!
I learned all of my emotional expressions by mirroring you!



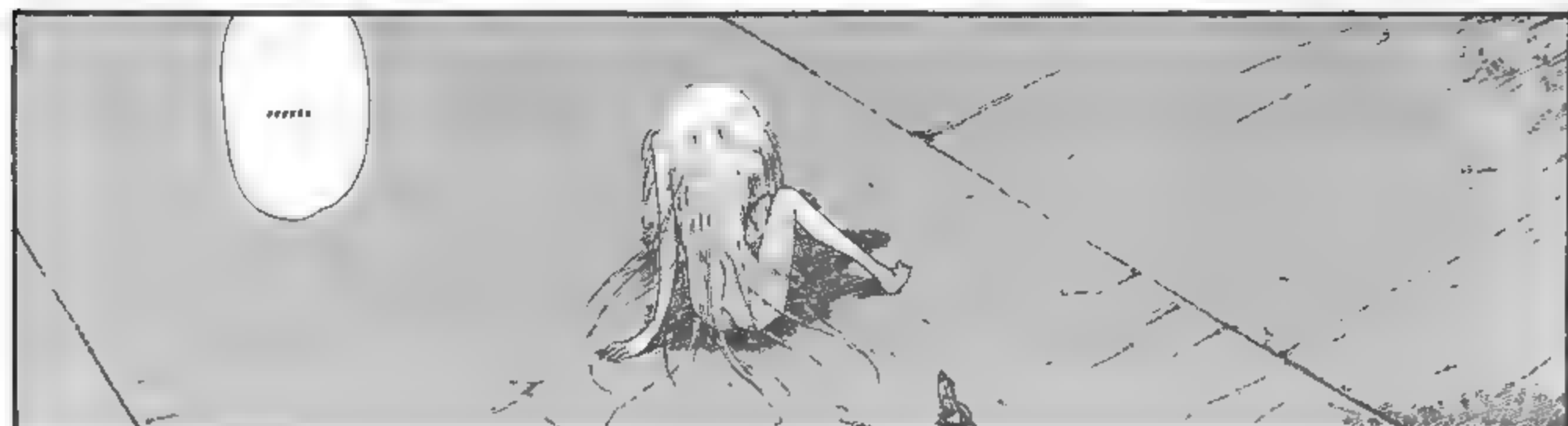
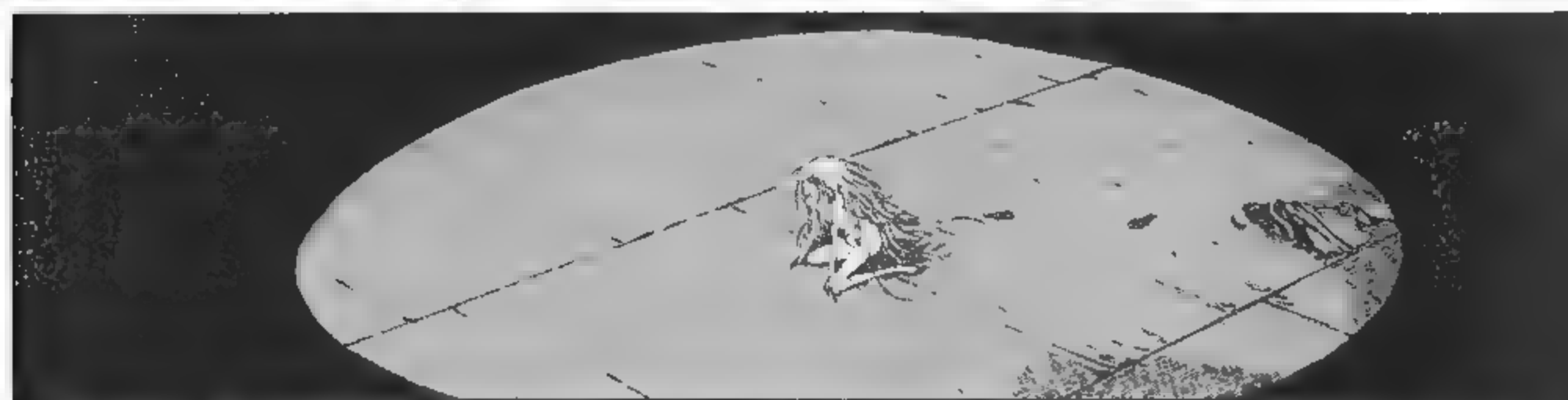
Why does Lachesis
have to look after
me now? That
incomplete fatima?

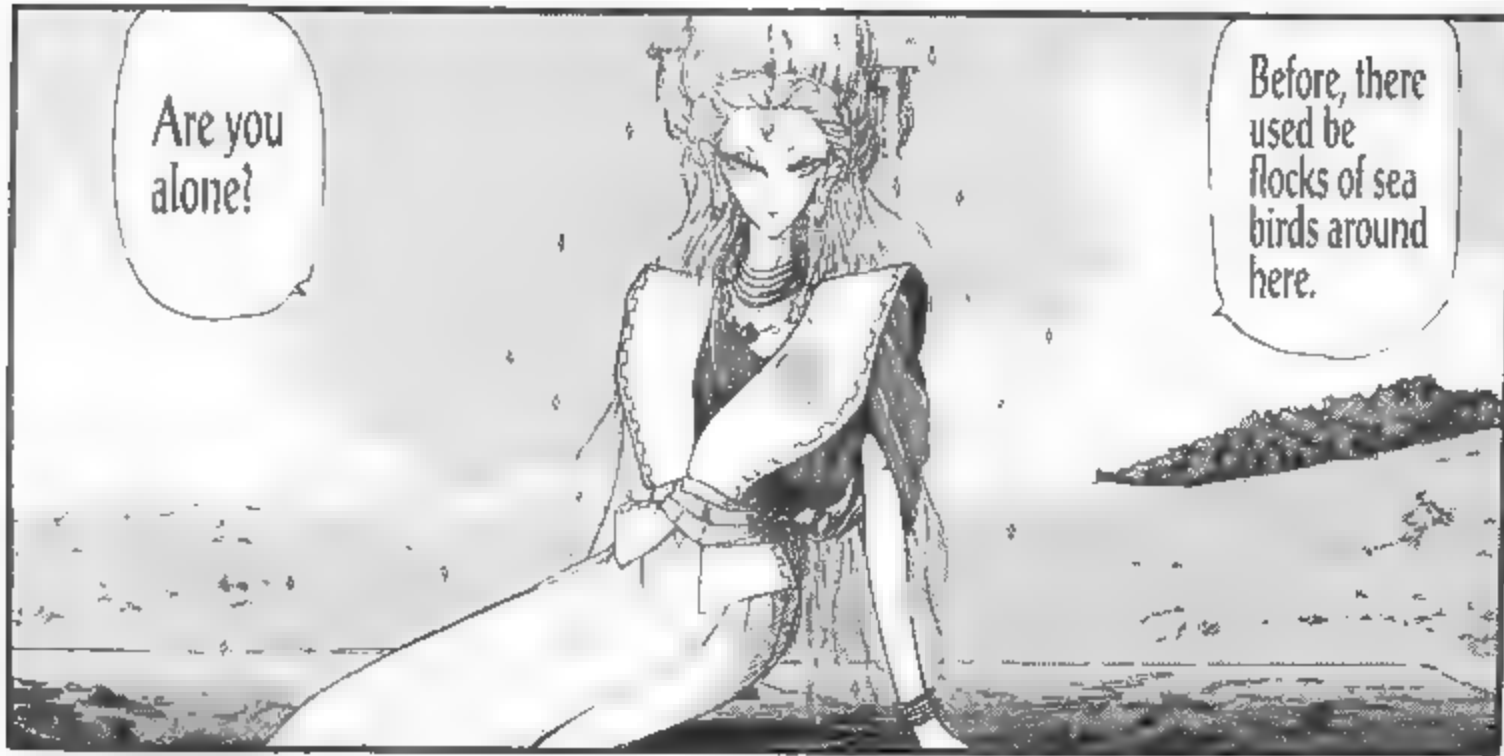
*Isn't it about
time you
stood on your
own two feet?*

*Think about me
for a change...
Having to take
care of you even
after my death...*

MY DEAR
MOTHER!!

How can
you say that?
You know I
can't die.





It's like I'm being watched by a snake. Yua



There are five of them, all of different species. They are the most powerful, superior life forms in the Galaxy. The Urba Antelope fade mask, on the coat of arms of the Amaterasu family and the Mirage Knights is modeled after the head bone of the LED Dragon, as a symbol of power and wisdom.

It takes several hundred years for a dragon nymph to develop into an adult, whose nova flame or lightning blast is far more powerful than even a buster canon. The "water of life" that they sometimes excrete can work countless miracles.

I didn't understand a thing you just said.



Maybe she's speaking a different dialect. Possibly.

I'm finished.



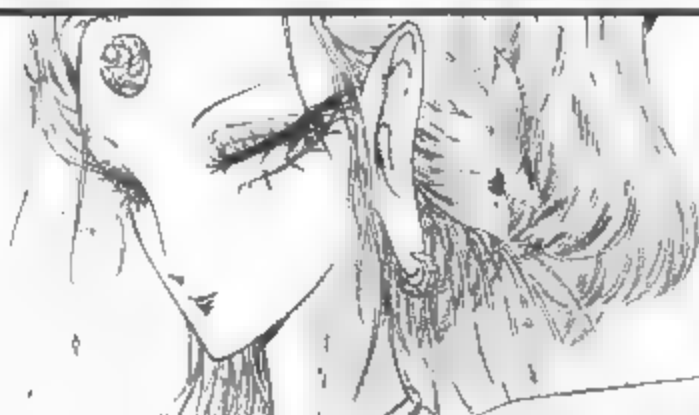
He should
be at the
place of
my crypt
by now.

Oh little bird
who will grow
up to live for
an eternity...



Next time, I
will let you
call me
"heavenly
mother."

We may
meet again,
Lachesis...

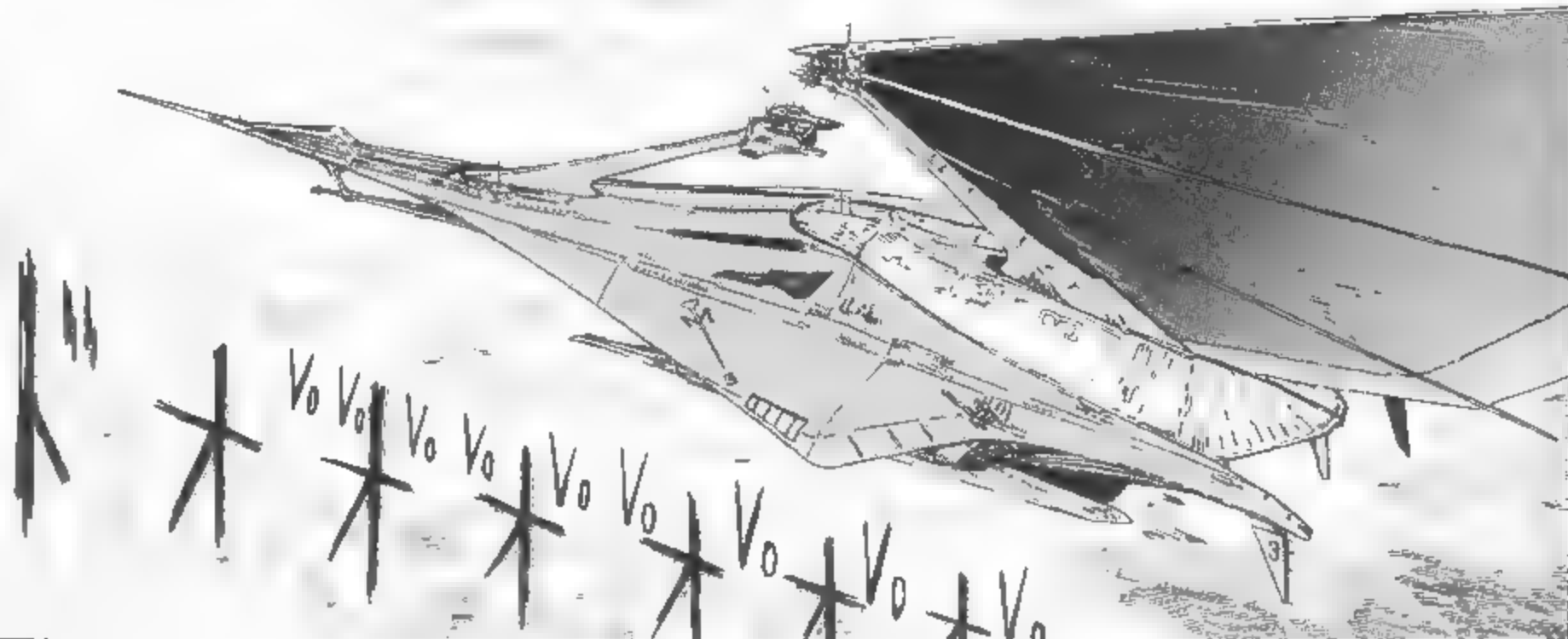


From here on I will
take their place and
hereby confer upon you
the name of the royal
family of Grees,
Amaterasu.

Your father
and sisters
will not be
there.



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At that time, Sir Dougulus said, 'Hey grampa, we can't use my name on the forms, lend her yours'

The other day Dr Corks brought Sir Kaen with her to make preparations for his step-daughter's admission into the academy run by the National University

Please go in.

I'm worried about her. Father refuses to even utter her name.

It seems that Sir Dougulus met Atropos.

Typical Kaen... He probably came to apologize about Auxo.

...of giving you a call.

I'm glad you're here... I was just thinking...

May I sit
over there
beside you?



We've replaced everything,
except my brain. I'm
using a fatima body that
will last 500 years or
more...



Sorry...I need
medication
just to talk.

If we had the kind of
ID-controlled DNA that
Rogner uses, we could
make a clone...



...But as you
can see, my
brain has run
out of time.

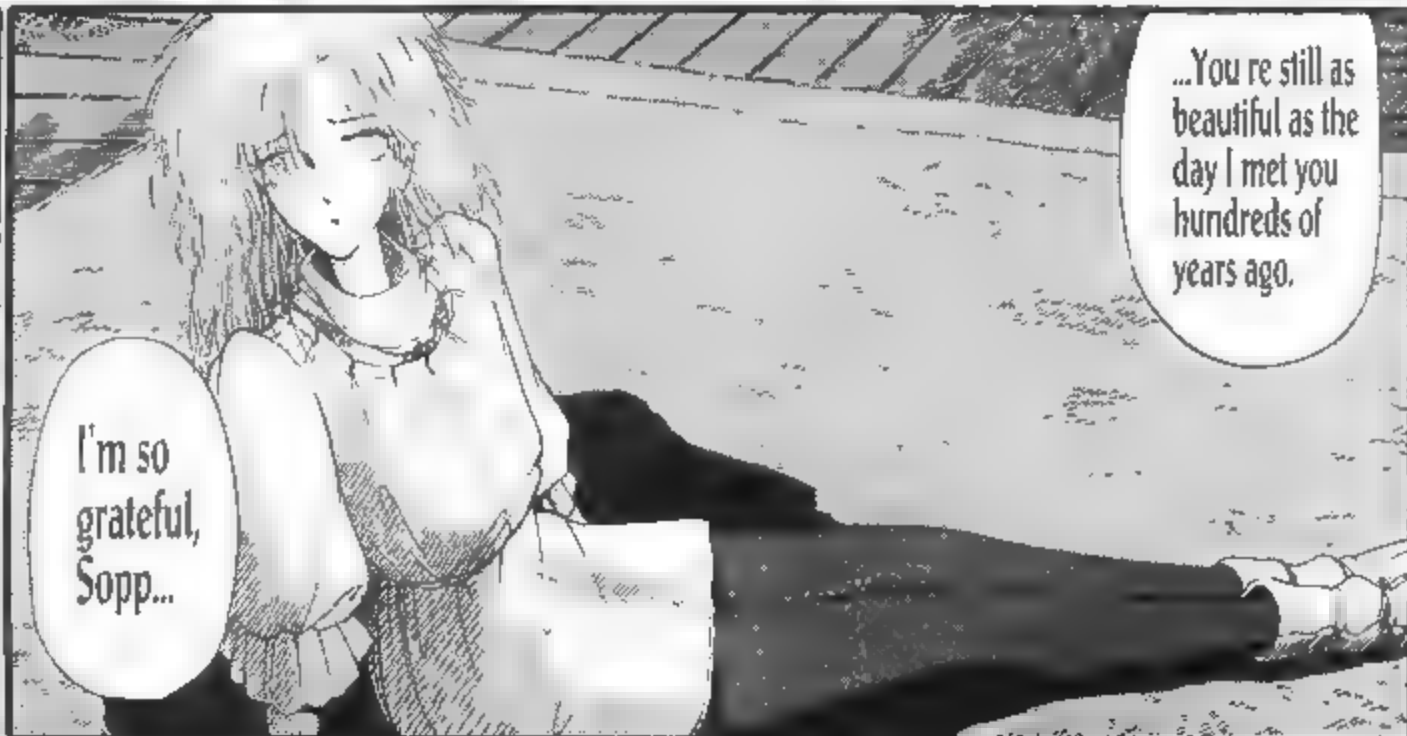
What's the
matter? You
look like you're
going to break
down and cry.



...that we were
able to meet. It
has meant so
much to my
research.

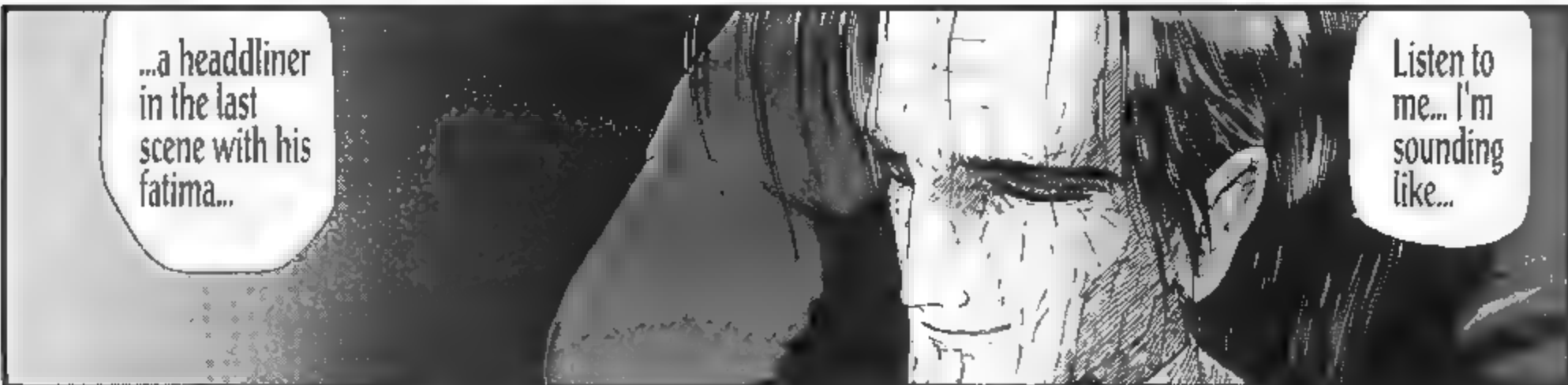


I'm so
grateful,
Sopp...



...You're still as
beautiful as the
day I met you
hundreds of
years ago.

...a headliner
in the last
scene with his
fatima...



Listen to
me... I'm
sounding
like...

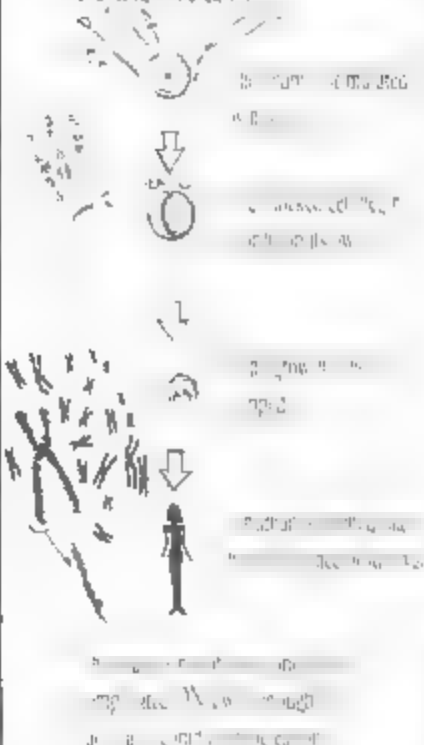
You are a haploid life form conceived in your mother's womb, when she was still a virgin and developed from only her chromosomes.

Well? Have you reached any conclusions, doctor?

At the time when I first met you, I'd been feeling that my hunger for knowledge had reached its limit.

How enormous is the power of nature... From that time on, I began a frantic search for data, determined to find exactly what kind of being you are.

Haploid Procreation



Normal Procreation



Haploid

Homo sapiens has a total of 46 chromosomes, half of which come from each parent. Normally, each human cell contains 46 chromosomes except for procreational cells (sperm and ovum) which contain exactly half so that when an ovum is fertilized by sperm, the resulting zygote will have 46. These chromosomes contain DNA, or the information to form an organism, the source of life. After fertilization of the ovum, it grows in the mother's womb into a complete human being, end review of high school Biology.

Actually, sperm and ovum cells are also capable of separately developing their own into human beings. This is what is called parthenogenesis. It is possible that a sperm or ovum cell could be stimulated in some manner by abnormal heat for instance, and begin multiplying into a 23-chromosome clone of the mother or father. In practice, since men do not have wombs or any other incubation organ, it would be impossible for them to give birth to a growing sperm cell.

At present, there is no case of the birth of a haploid human, although haploid animals have been born experimentally. It has been argued that given the complicated DNA of human beings, even if an ovum were to begin haploid cell fission, gene damage would occur, making normal growth impossible.

Haploid procreation is a development from the highly controversial cloning technology. Incidentally, hamatoid cloning experiments on toads ended in failure. They discovered that if a clone exists together with its original human being, brain wave resonance (the study of which we can only imagine) will occur between the copy and the original, causing the brains of both to be destroyed.

I could find no matching data between your mother, Amaterasu-no-Mikoto, and Sopp and Rince.

But that doesn't solve the problem, because your DNA doesn't work that way.



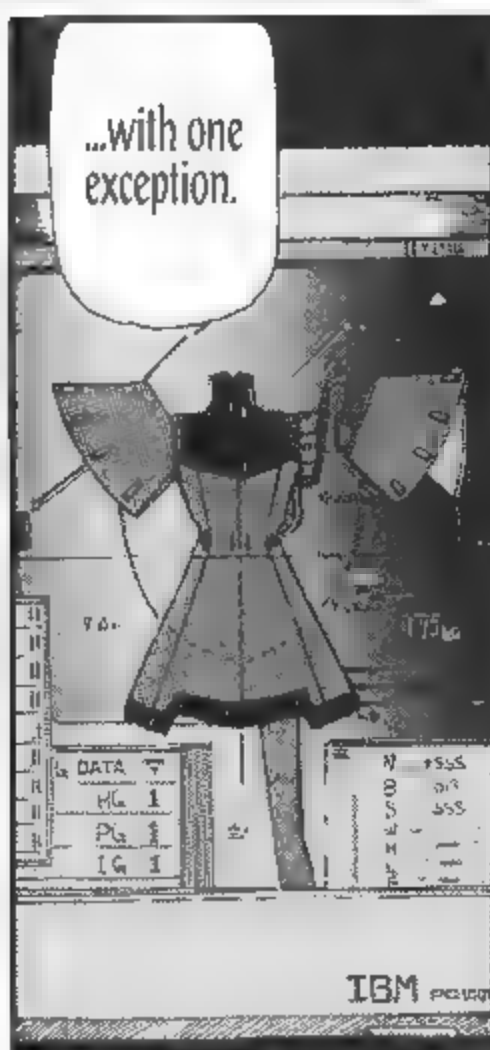
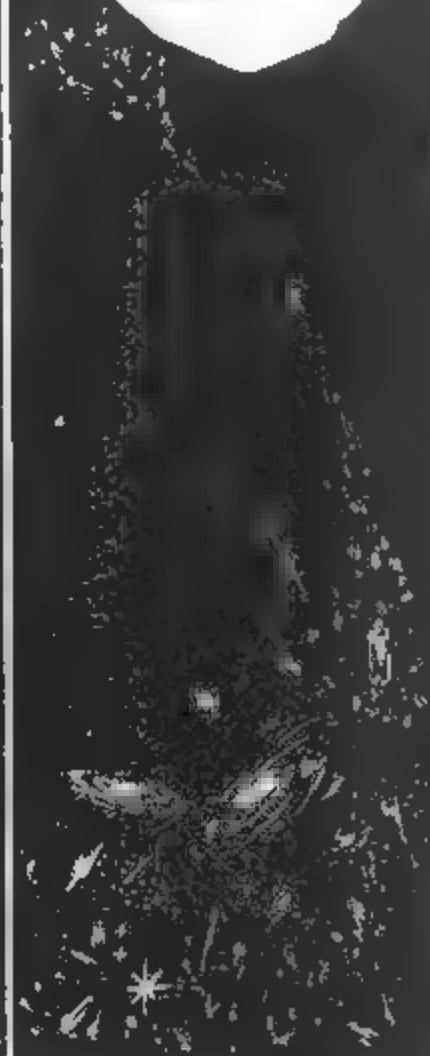
The information stored in their DNA is not predetermined, so they don't simply grow from infancy to adulthood. They evolve.

It was their individualized evolution that provided one hint, and the other was provided by Auxo, a fatima with multiple sets of DNA information, whom I created for Kaien.

I went to Kastenpo to gather data on the Dragons, the ultimate life forms.



Also it is impossible to prove that you exist in this world.

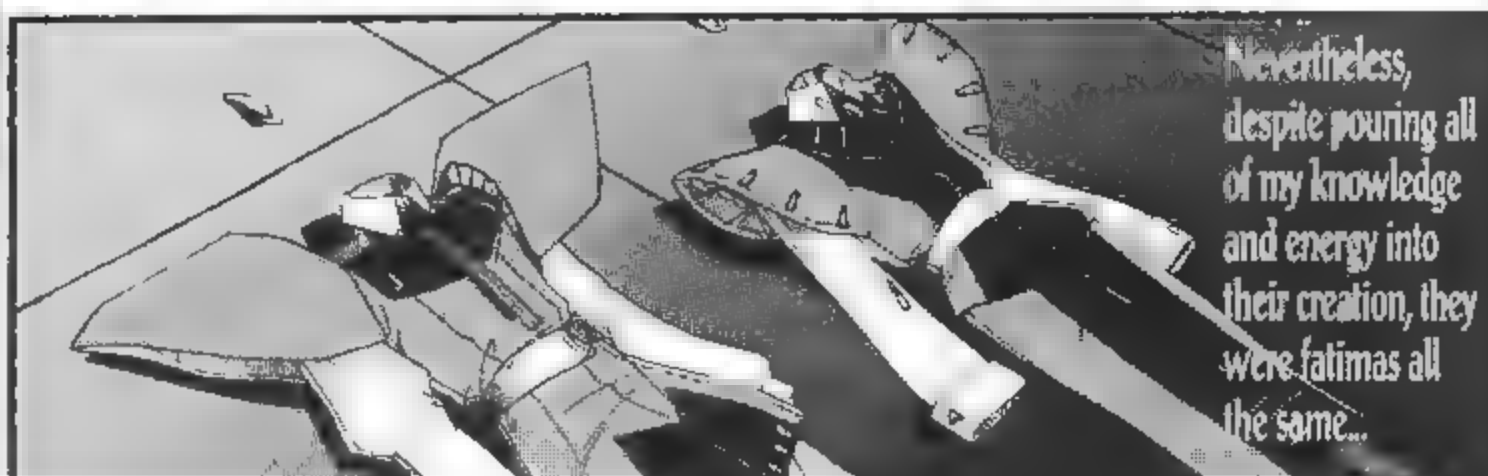


...with one exception.

It was no wonder that Atropos and Clotho, who were created free from any such control.



Later, when it was ordered that fatimas be subjected to rigid mind control.



Nevertheless, despite pouring all of my knowledge and energy into their creation, they were fatimas all the same...

She is not a fatima,
but a creature of will
with high
dimensional
elements necessary
for individualized
evolution.

Lachesis XX-YY-yy
Double Epsilon, a
humanoid with
unpredictable
chromosomes.

Mr Sopp
...eac... knows
what I want
Please dad.

Come on t.kid!
I'd have to create you a
over again. Your mind
and body would be so
whacked out



What do you
want to do
now?

That's impossible
honey. He's not a
human. He will
live forever and
enjoy unlimited
time

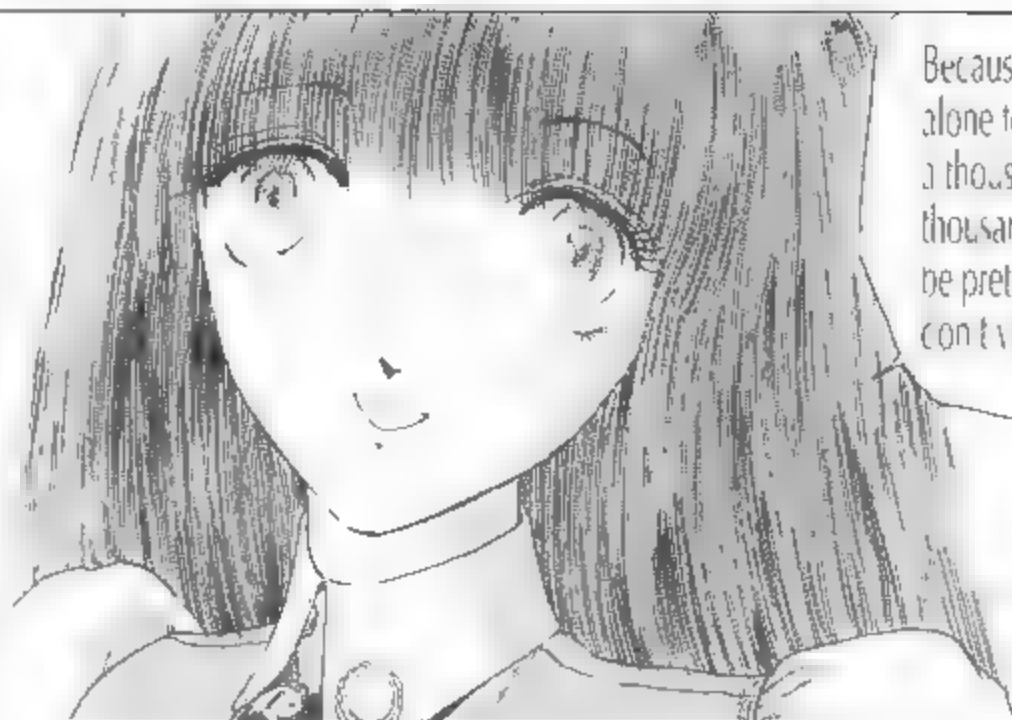
Then I want you
to make me like
that. You said
you could do it.
Remember?



Daddy, I
want to be
with Mr
Sopp forever.



If he had me, he
would have to be
me, any more.
I can be so much
more than
me.



Because being a
alone for a hundred
a thousand, or ten
thousand years would
be pretty boring.
Don't you think?



Exactly
the same
as you.

That's the kind
of existence
that puts strain
on the world
we live in.

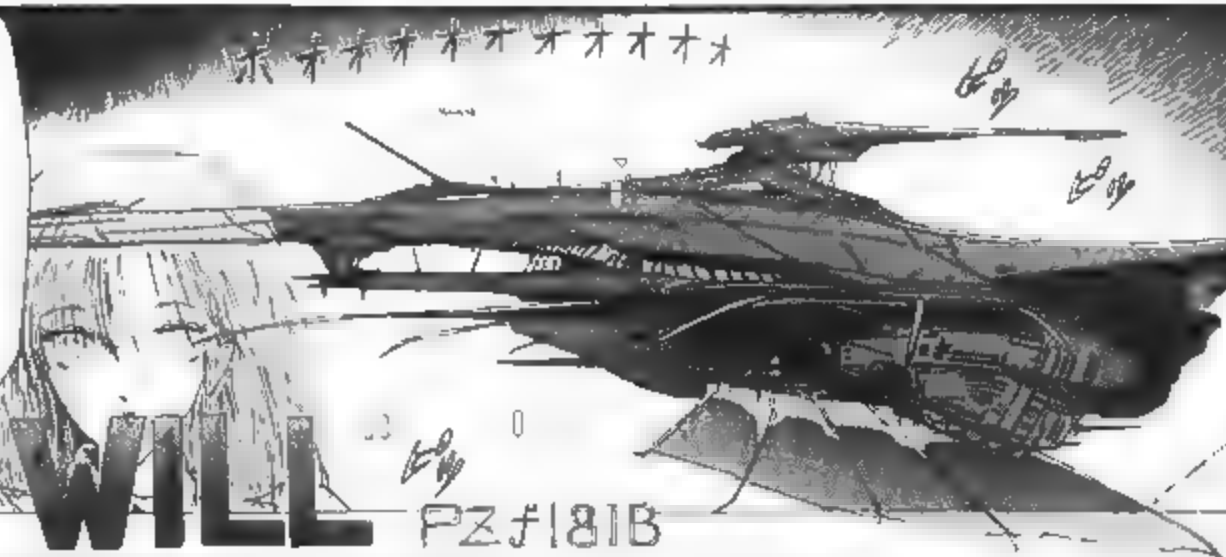


I want you
to have
this...as a
keepsake.



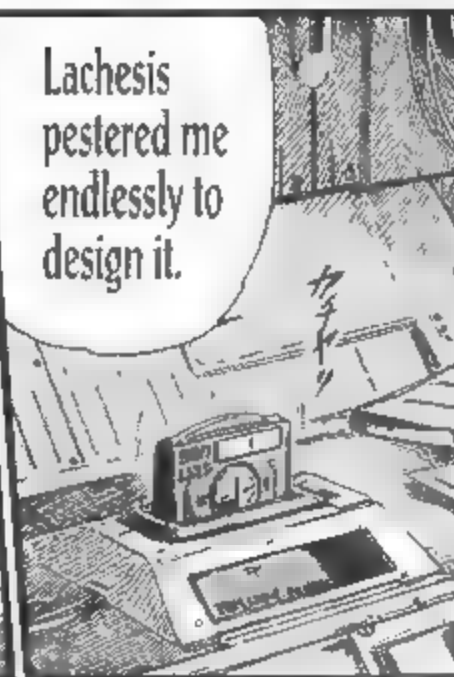
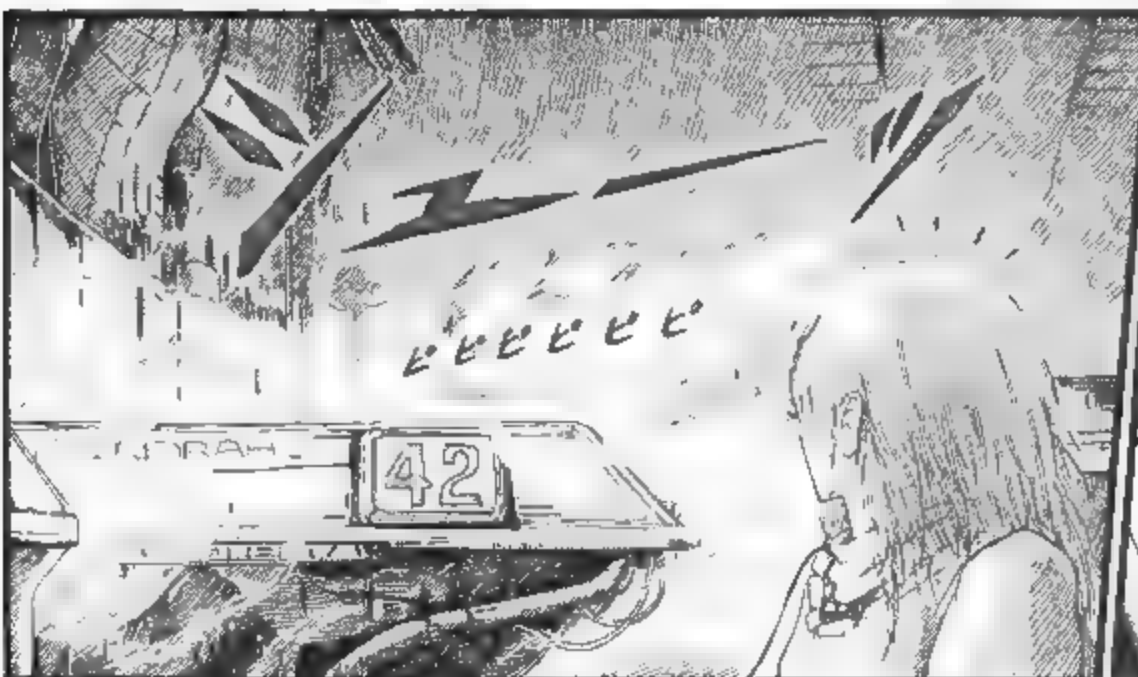
I call it "The Will."
Here are the plans
and specifications.
It's an enormous
craft, but with your
wealth, you could
build it easily.

It's a space explorer
I invented with
dimensional travel
capabilities. But
there was no one
around to use it.



Also, I'd
like you to
take care
of this.

Lachesis
pestered me
endlessly to
design it.





It can be expressed in one word...

It all comes to this, Sopp. As to what you really are...

But when you grow old and grey like me, common sense prevents you from saying that word out loud.



We are friends, Ballanche.



Ballanche Masterpiece No. 42, Fatima Fates Upandla, a replica of you.

No mind control... Do with it what you want. When the time comes, a single button will activate it.



Please.

Don't leave me behind...



The powers sealed within you must never be used in Joker

No, Sopp!

...just bail out
like this so
irresponsibly?

How can you of
all people, who
have dedicated
your life to the
study of fatimas...

It's only
natural to want
to understand
more about
what you're
studying.

You still
don't
understand,
do you?

It's time,
Amaterasu...to say
our goodbyes.

Please try to
help Atropos,
if only as a
gesture.

I will tend to
father until he
passes away

That's
right. For
the last...

...ten
thousand
years...

...he has
come to
know what
sorrow
really is.



And this is how the Joker Galaxy
welcomed in the year 2990.
And so ends the episode of the
"Five Star Story."



To be continued....

IC 323C

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IC 5400 A1 _____
3900 _____

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IC 3952 A set of s_{ij} matrices is said to be *quadratically*
reducible and *irreducible* if Δ^2 is *quadratically*
reducible and *irreducible*. But if Δ^2 is *quadratically*
irreducible.

K 3900 I am a black and white photograph of a man in a suit and tie, standing in front of a building. The man is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera. The building in the background has a sign that says "K 3900".

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KC 4076

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(The Era of the The Will Galaxy)*

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F. 1065-70. 1965. pp. 1-10.

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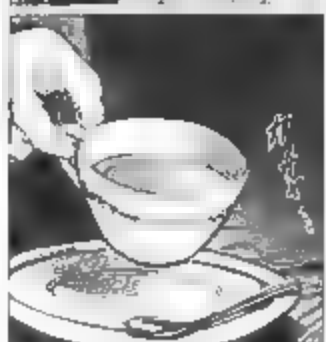
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IC 7343

IL 7451 *Chrysomelidae: Chrysomelinae: Chrysomelini*
Chrysomelini

KC 7563

IC 7777 The Chess and Armchairs, c. 1870-80. The
cabinet, the set of chairs and the table of
the library, the chairs and the table of the
specimens house, the passage and the table of



カチャツ
Kacha (Click)

Sound of a metal clinking



ガチャツ
Gahshat (Clikk)

Sound of two metal pieces colliding



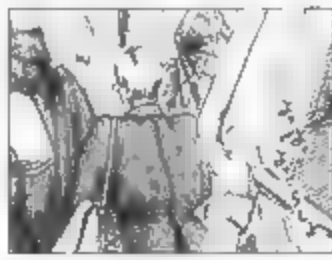
カツ
Kaht (C'mon!)

Getting psyched up



バツ
Baht

Sound of an object cutting the air at tremendous speed



よっこらしょ
Yokkurasho (Let's go, Come'on)

A grunt of encouragement or a cheer. Also used as a sound effect for a jump or a fall.



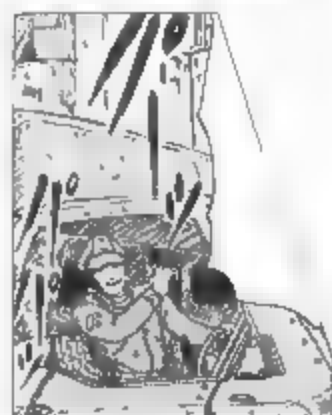
ぶいっ
Puheeh (Hmph)

A sound of a person who is angry or frustrated, or a sound of a person who is disgusted, etc.



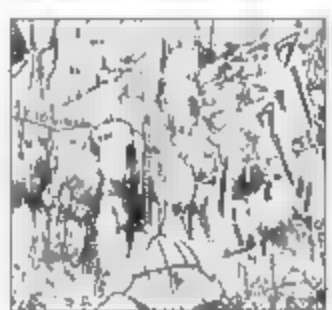
クキクキ
Kookie-Kookie

Repeating something quickly



パーツ、ババツ
Paahht (Honk-Honk-Honk-Hooooooooonk)

Sound of a car horn or a truck horn



ワーワー
Waahwaah (Hooray, Yea)

Sound of cheering



ガランガラン
Garan Garan (Crash-boom-bang)

A high-pitched sound of a crash or a boom. Also a sound of something falling.



くりっ

Kurhit

Something falling. Roundness. Rolling. Bubbles.



バキッ
Pahkih (Crash)

Sound of something crashing or breaking. Also a sound of a person who is angry or frustrated, or a sound of a person who is disgusted, etc.



バチツバチツ
Bahchtit-bahchtit

Crackling fire. Bahchtit expresses roaring fire with sparks flying.



バチツバツ
Pahtchtit-paht

Clashing of swords. Sparks flying in the course of battle.



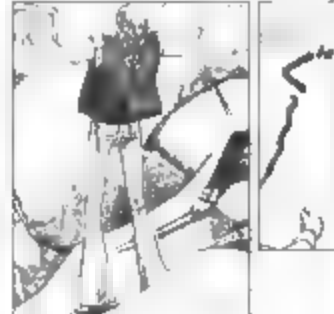
バツ
Baht (Flap)

A sound of a person who is angry or frustrated, or a sound of a person who is disgusted, etc.



はあ
Hmph, leez

A sound of a person who is angry or frustrated, or a sound of a person who is disgusted, etc.



ぐー
Goo

Description of a suddenly growing or spreading sound, accompanied by the utterer unconsciously stretching his back as to make him taller.



ピクピク
Pihkuh-pihkuh

Twitching nerves and pulsating veins, indicating a very tense situation.



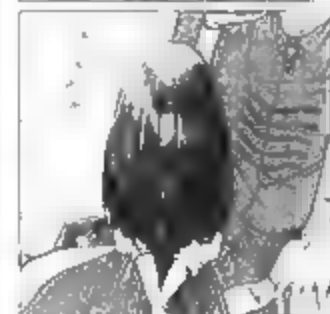
ドサツ
Dohsaht (Whump, Fa-lop)

Sound of a body hitting the ground after a jump or a fall, or a sound of a body hitting the ground after a fall over backwards.



うえーん
Uhwheh (Waah)

A sound of a person who is angry or frustrated, or a sound of a person who is disgusted, etc.



えへ、わくわく
Eheh-heh, Wabkuh-Wabkuh

The sound of a person who is shy or embarrassed. Wabkuh is a sound of a person who is shy or embarrassed. Wabkuh is a sound of a person who is shy or embarrassed.



くす
Kusul (Heel-lee)

A sound of a person who is shy or embarrassed. Kusul is a sound of a person who is shy or embarrassed.



はっ
Haht (Ugkh)

A sound of a person who is angry or frustrated, or a sound of a person who is disgusted, etc.



Special Effects

The Five Star Stories for any anime series with special effects written in Japanese. Aside from words of exclamation, to sound effects, the expressions in images, some of the sound and many extraordinary comic were created by the author. The following is a compilation of the special effects appearing in the volume.



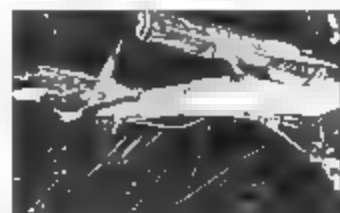
カキッ
Kahky

A character



カオツ
Gaoht, Gaoht
(Roarr)

Roar of a car or jet. The sound is always the same.



カコンッ
Gahkohn
(Clank, Bump)

The sound of a collision.



カリカリ
Kahry-Karhi
(Scri, Scri)

The sound of a character's paper. A character is usually



ケーツケーツ
Kay-Kay (Caw, Caw)

The sound of a bird.



ザーッザーッ
Zaah Zaah

The sound of a character's foot.



ブンッ
Buhnt

Sound of an object falling at a high speed.



ブーン
Buuhhn
(Vroom)

The sound of a car.



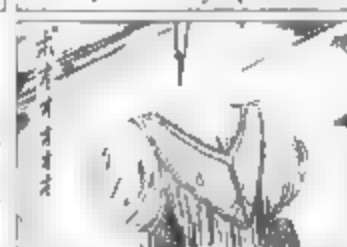
グオーン、グオオオオ
Goon, Gooohhn, Gooohhn (Bong)

The sound of a character's foot.



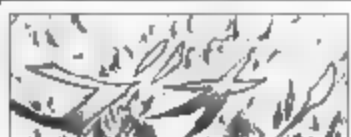
ボオオオ
Booowh

The sound of a character's foot.



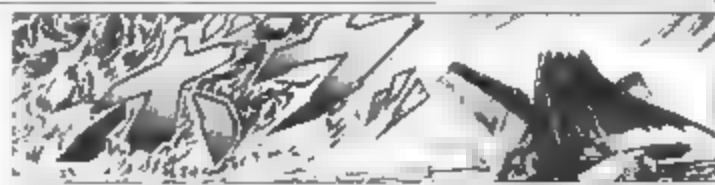
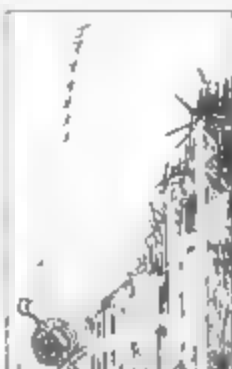
グワッ
Guhwhal

The sound of a character's foot.



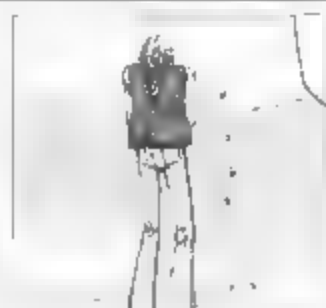
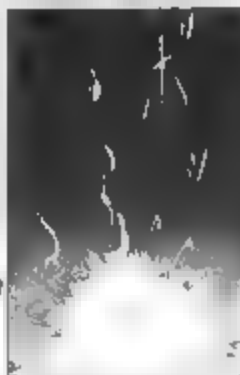
ゴオッ、ゴオオオ
Gohhi, Goooooo
(Fwoosh)

The sound of a character's foot.



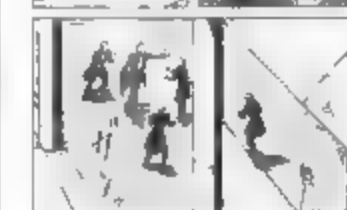
ボツ、ボウツ、ボワッ
Buhtsu, Bowt, Bohwahi (Fwoom)

The sound of a character's foot.



ジョンジョンジョン
Jyohn-Jyohn-Jyohn

The sound of a character's foot.



ガンッ
Gahnt (Bash, Fa-wump)

The sound of a character's foot.



チカチカチカ
Chikah-Chikah-Chikah (Blink, Blink)

The sound of a character's foot.



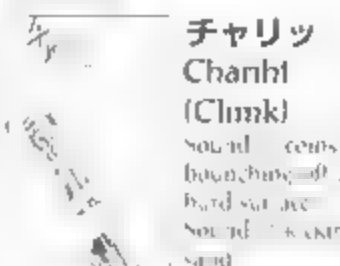
ブルルル
Puhroo, roorroo (Ringing)

The sound of a character's foot.



ズバッ、ズバババン
Zuhbaht, Zoo-Bah, Bah, Bahn

The sound of a character's foot.



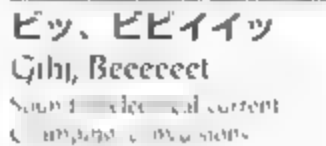
チャリッ
Chanhi
(Clank)

The sound of a character's foot.



ザワザワ
Zahwah-Zahwah


The sound of a character's foot.



ビッ、ビビイッ
Bihi, Beeeet

The sound of a character's foot.

L. H. WILSON



A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

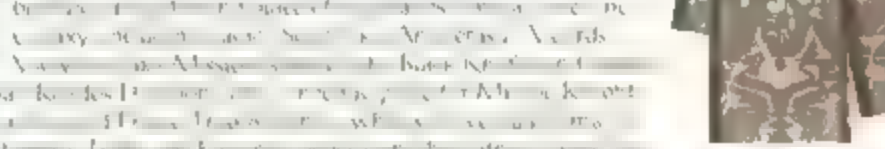
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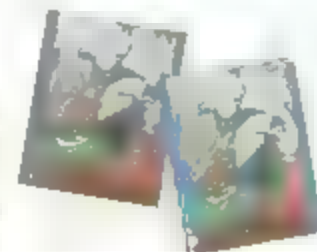
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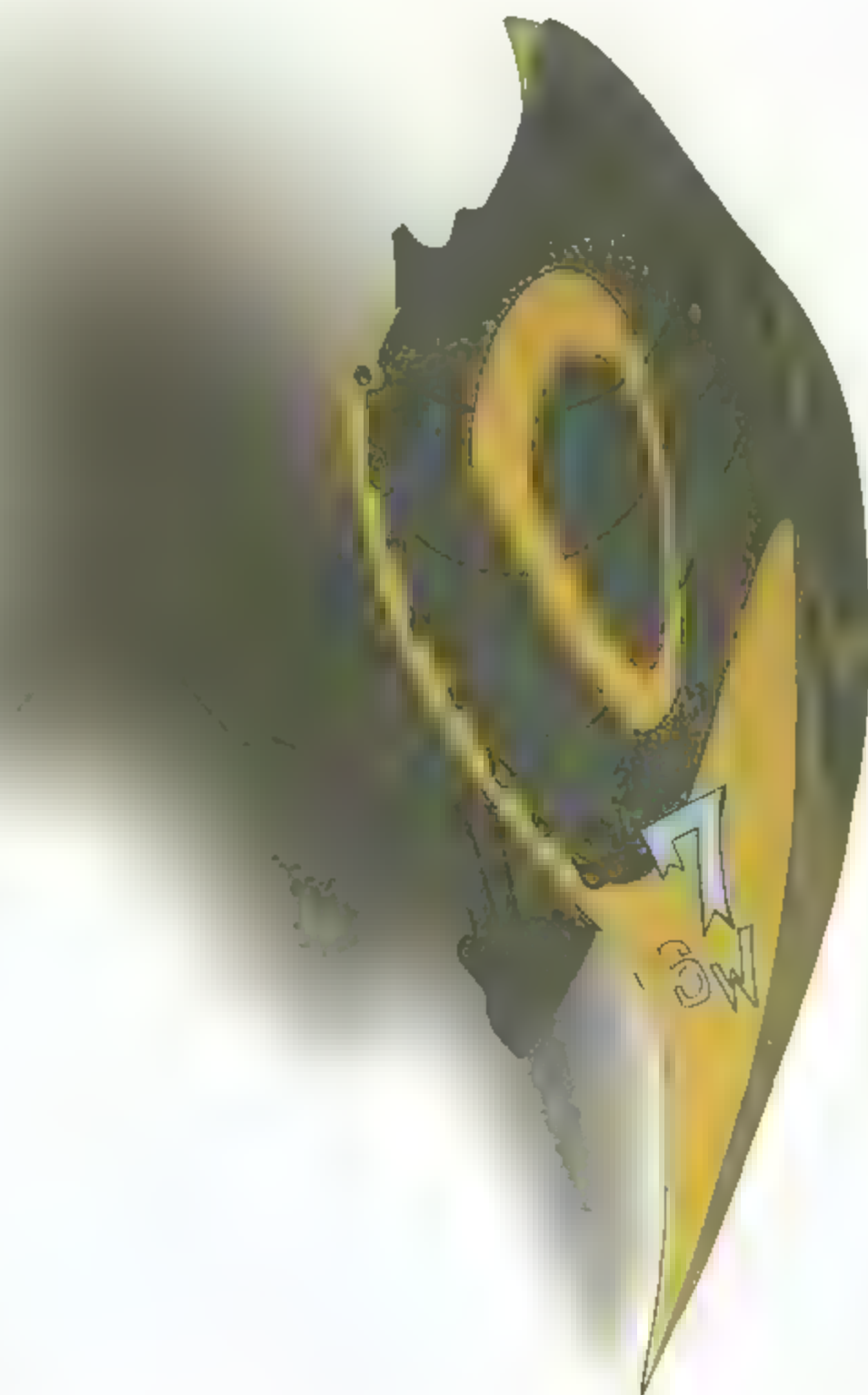


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The Five Star Stories[®] XII



After a flashback to the time when Ladios Sopp and Chrome Ballanche first met and their encounter with swordsman sage Dimos Haharki, the stories turned to the Kingdom of Taika, doomed to war and tragedy for thousands of years in another universe, but promised by Amaterasu that he would send his daughter to end the violence. Colus VI then made a brief appearance, before we were swept off to Delta Belun and Amaterasu's woes concerning his mother, who also paid a visit to Lachesis. The volume then ended with Sopp and Ballanche at their last meeting before the good doctor's death.



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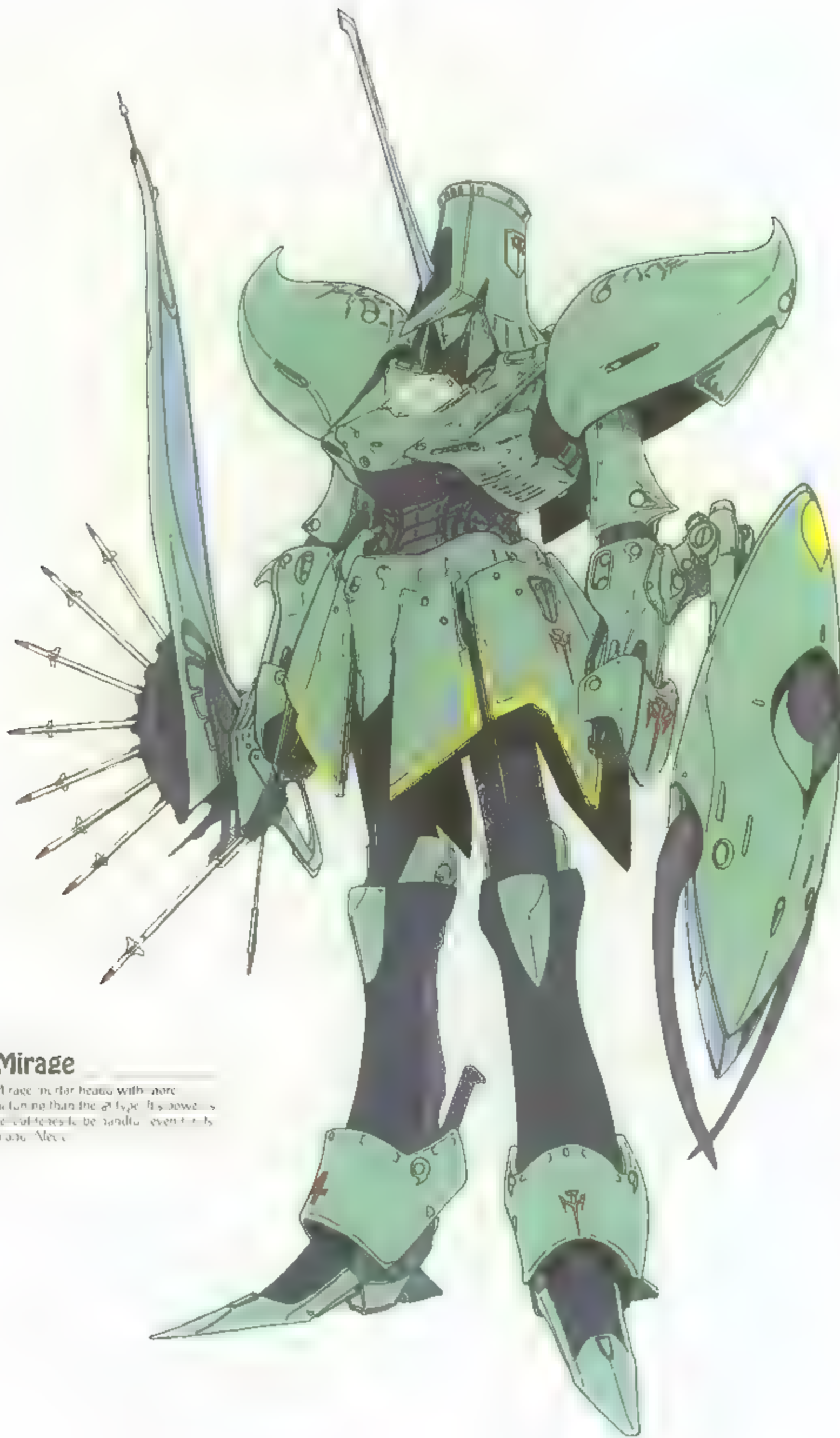
Fatima Fates
Concord

the daughter of A.P.K.K. - In the end, the mother heads A.T.O.I. She is a truly all-around very clever girl. The more you know the more you know.



Fatima Fates
Alecto

currently in the state of being a...
...of Ashby...
Red Concord...
...of the...
...of the...



Mortar Headd

Cross Mirage

A Zeta Gundam Cross Mirage mortar head with more firepower than the Zeta type. Its power is unquestionable, but it is to be used only by a few. Axiom and Alex.

Fatima Fares
Afropos

Em 1998, a artista Fatima Fares, de 25 anos, nasceu em Aleppo, na Síria. Ela é filha de um casal de refugiados sírios que se estabeleceram no Brasil em 1992. Fatima Fares é uma artista multidisciplinar, atuando em pintura, escultura, vídeo e performance. Ela é formada em Artes Visuais pela Universidade Federal de Pernambuco (UFPE) e atualmente reside em Recife, onde trabalha como professora de arte e desenvolve projetos artísticos e sociais.



1998. 89.

Fatima Fates
Ssizz

Four central, specifically Japanese, fatimas appear in *Five Star Stories*: Kyo, Toki, Mach, and Ssizz. In the manga's creation, incidentally Dr. Ba Lanche's first fatima Queen is Celtic. No. 5 Parthenon's Missa and No. 3 Marier's Indian. Other Japanese *FSS* characters include Amaterasu (of course) and Aisha (of course).



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Dedicated to Fatimas Everywhere

The Five Star Stories[®]

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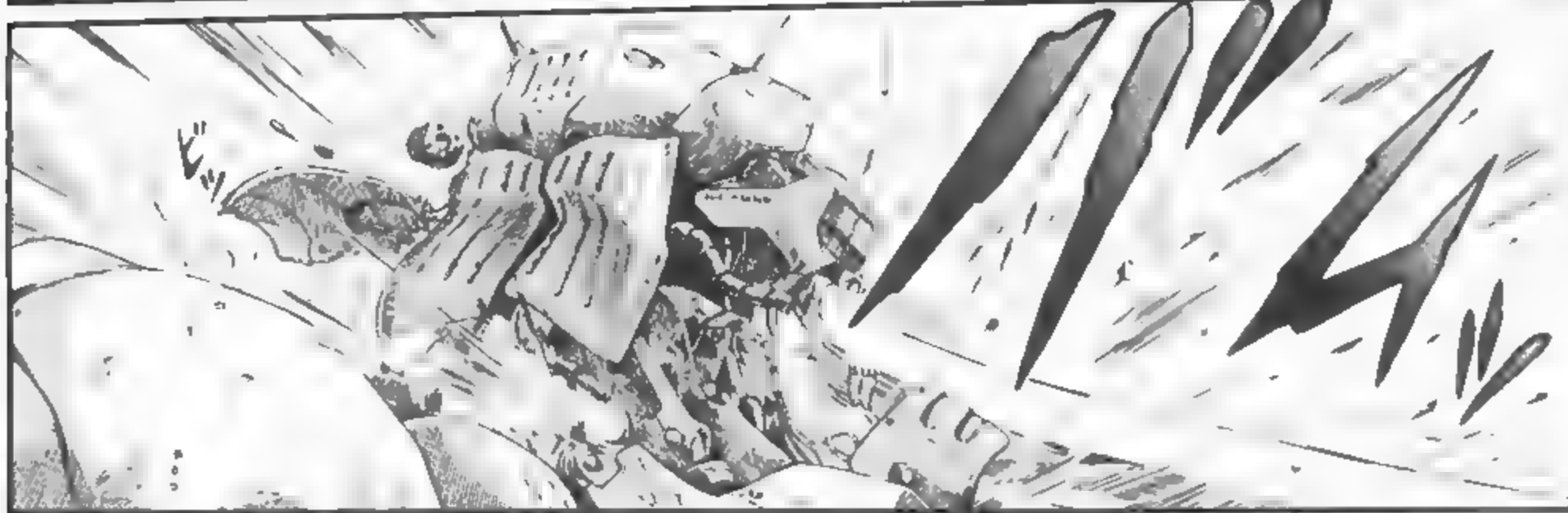
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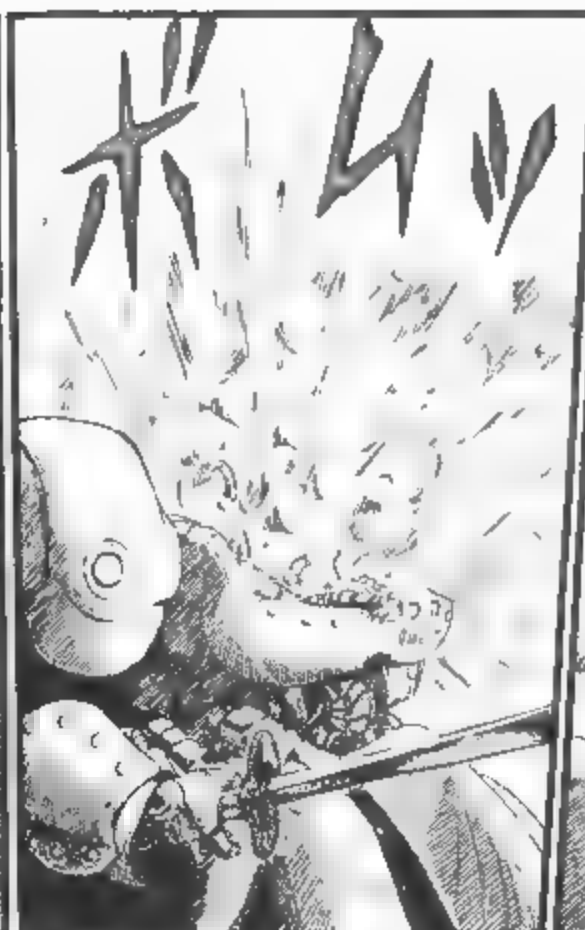
The hastenpo Region
on planet Both...
The Ashura Temple
continues its onslaught





...we still haven't tested the "dragon's tooth" sufficiently.

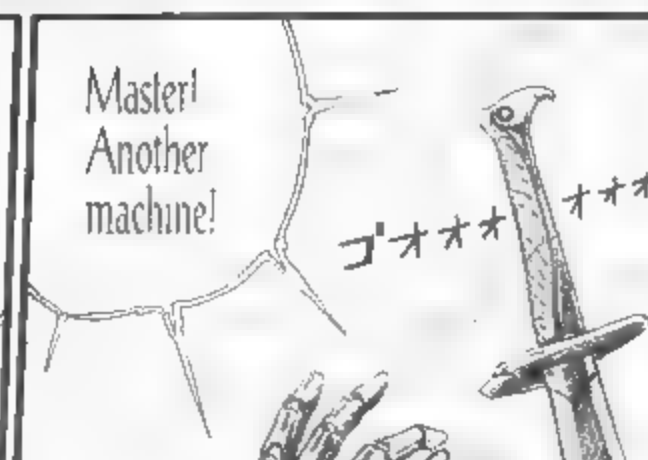
Our twenty-eighth kill, but...



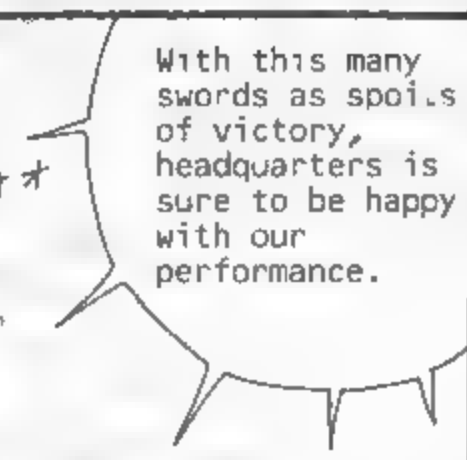
Target at 320 meters. Scanner on... Huh? What's that noise!



Aye-aye, sire. Mode reset. Setting recall.



Master! Another machine!



With this many swords as spoils of victory, headquarters is sure to be happy with our performance.



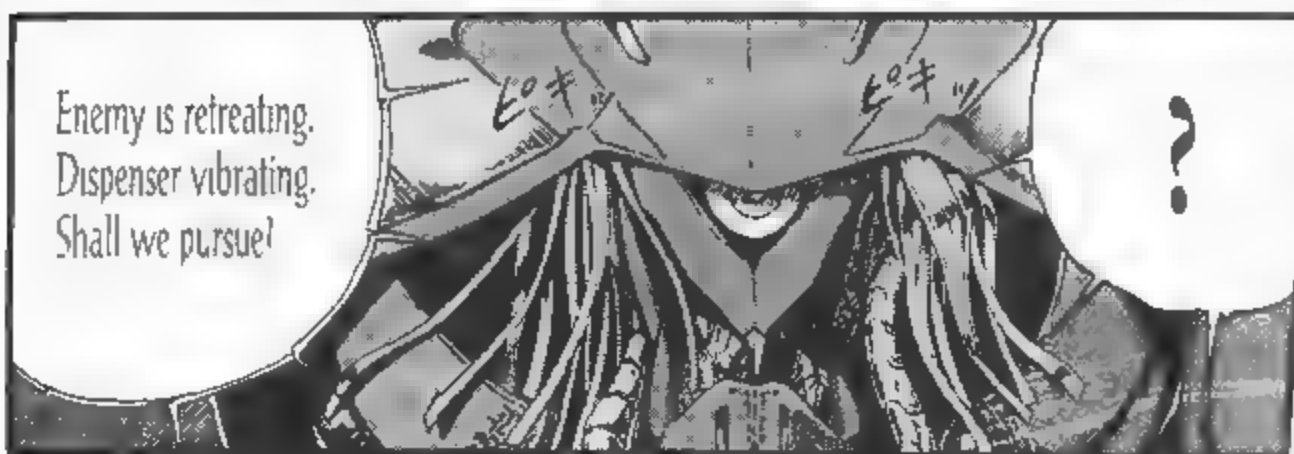
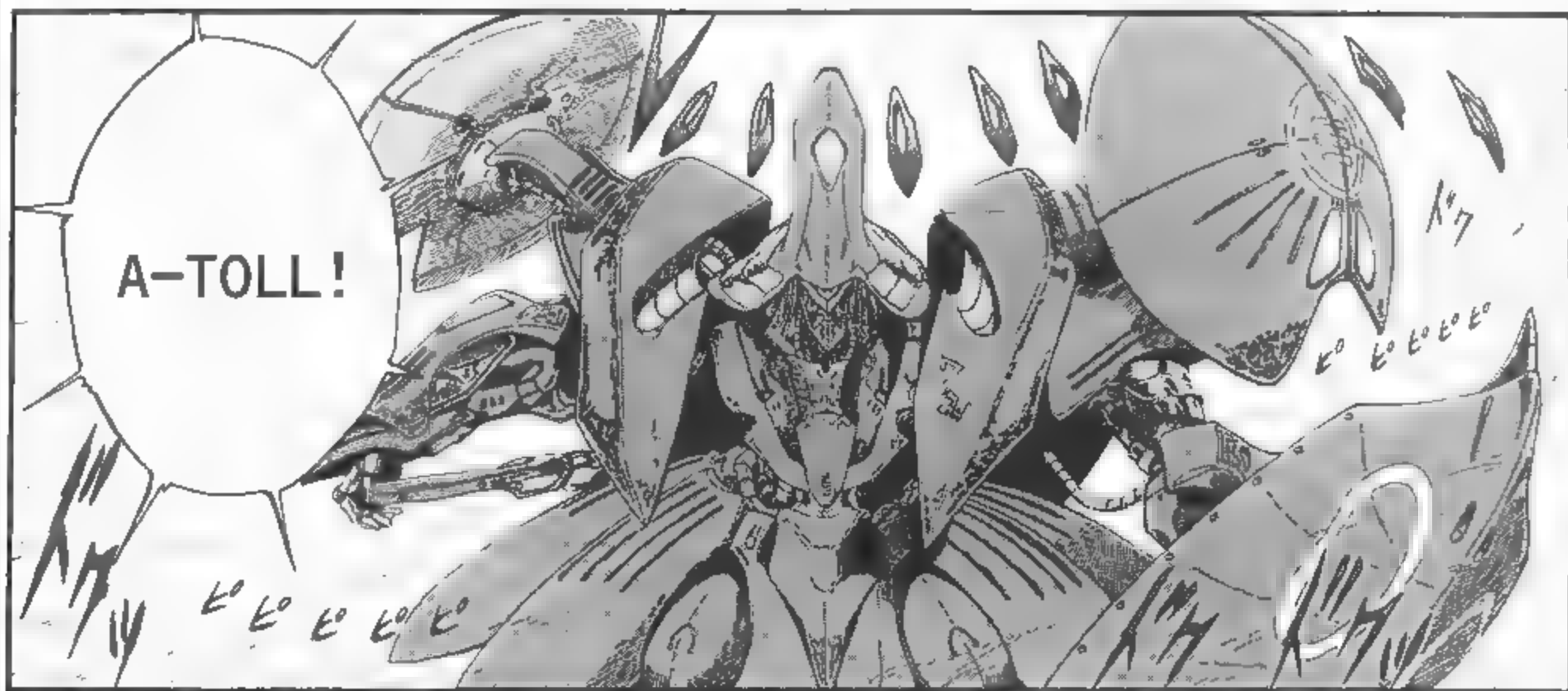
Ho-ho! Number twenty-nine... Let's go.

Mortarhead's nose at 500 meters north-northeast



No...no further. Let's get outta here, Ananda. Retreat! On the double!

What the...?



It was Akzanth of Kerhume. You'd better notify his next of kin.

Another MH was destroyed. We weren't able to reach him in time.

You're back and in one piece. How'd you do?

The only thing noticeable anymore is that trailer. What's in there? A missile or something?

It's getting awful lonely around here.

Maybe that headstrong kid has got an air ballele or a flying fortress stashed away in there.

Come to think of it...

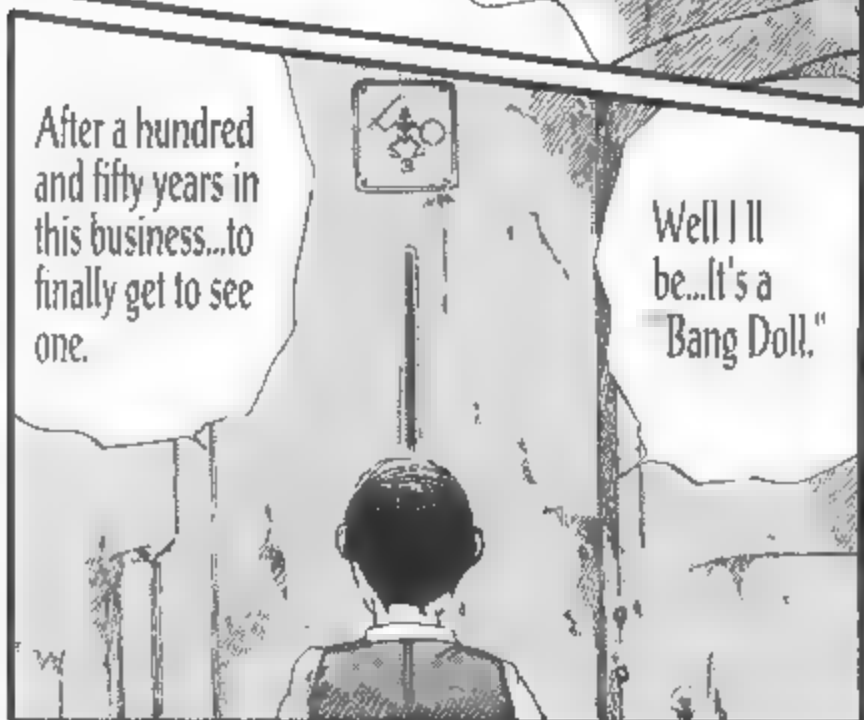
I'd better fix it before he finds out and starts ranting and raving again.

Tsk-tsk... Looks like a cover or something that fell off the trailer.

What do we have here?

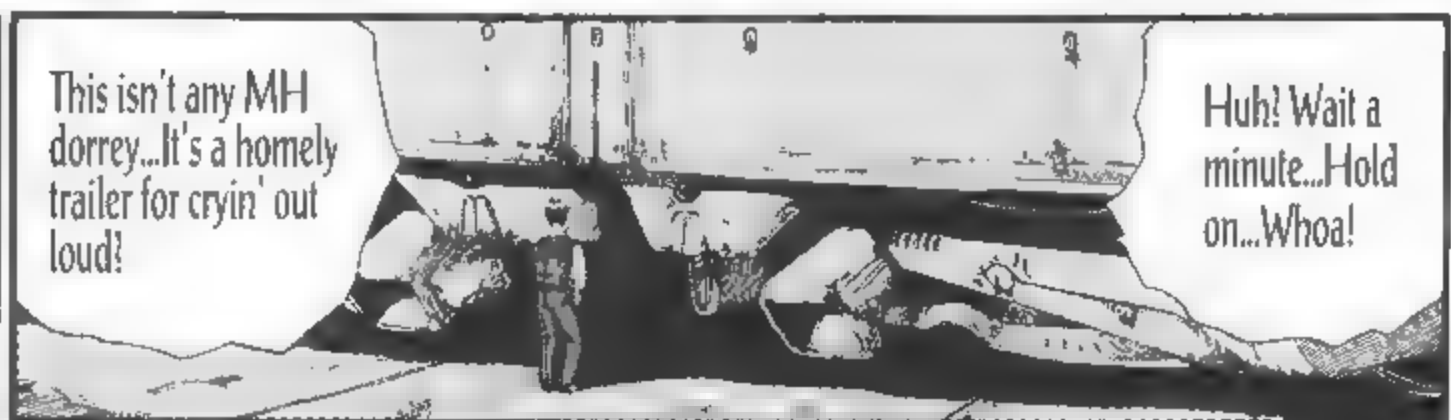
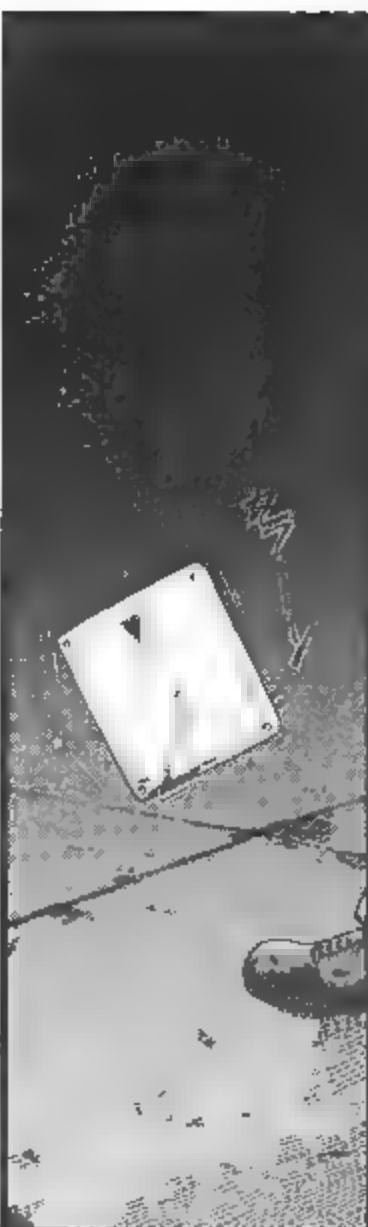
There it is!

Let's see.



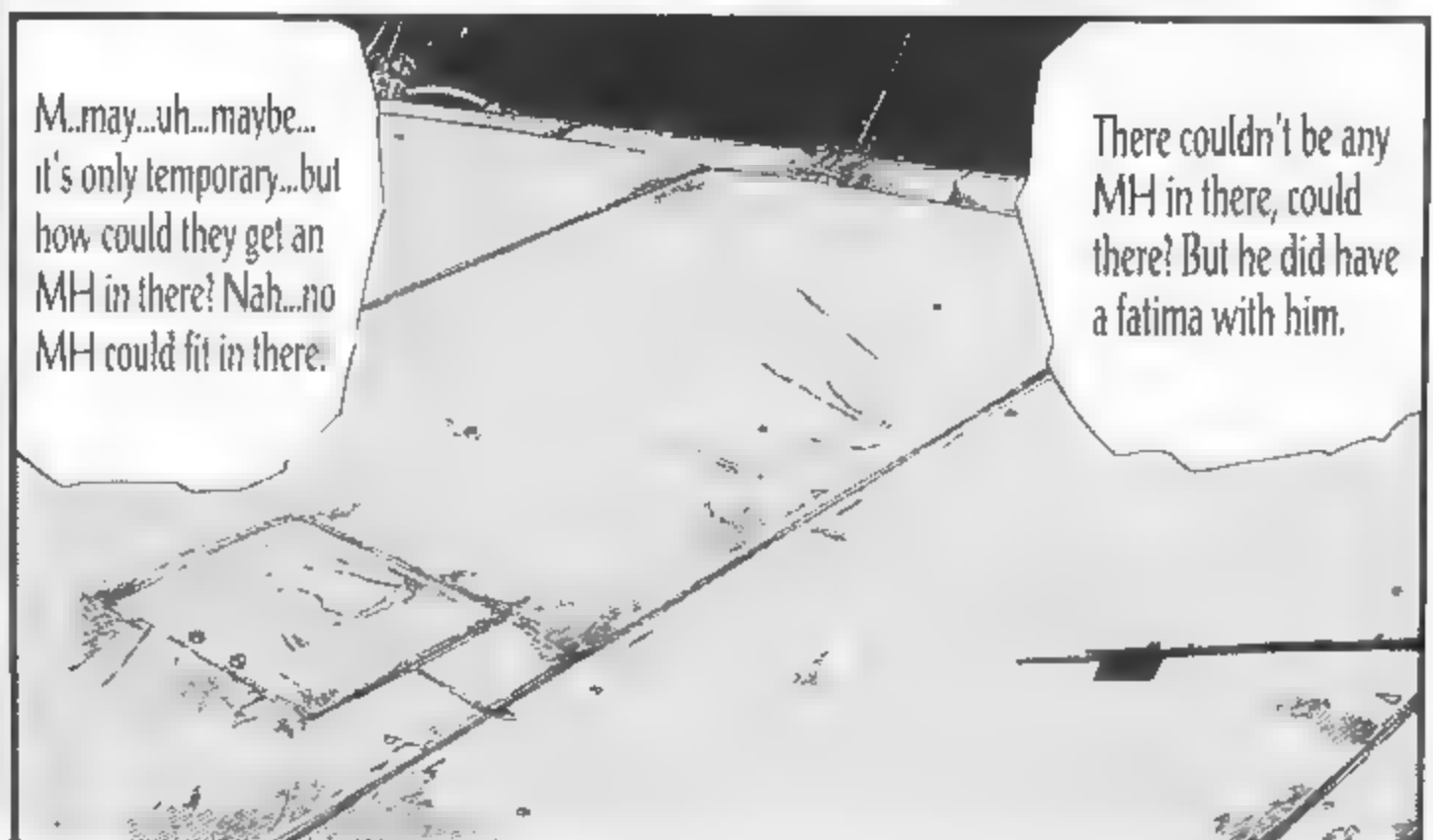
After a hundred and fifty years in this business...to finally get to see one.

Well I'll be...It's a "Bang Doll."




This isn't any MH dorrey...It's a homely trailer for cryin' out loud!

Huh? Wait a minute...Hold on...Whoa!

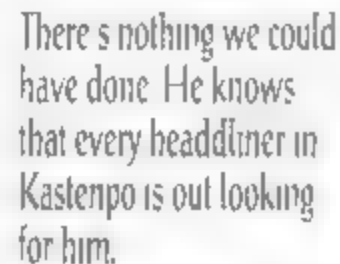


M..may...uh...maybe... it's only temporary...but how could they get an MH in there? Nah...no MH could fit in there.


There couldn't be any MH in there, could there? But he did have a fatima with him.




I was too busy trying to rescue Akzanth. Pretty good huh? Anyone else and we would have been right in the thick of it




There's nothing we could have done. He knows that every headliner in Kastenpo is out looking for him.



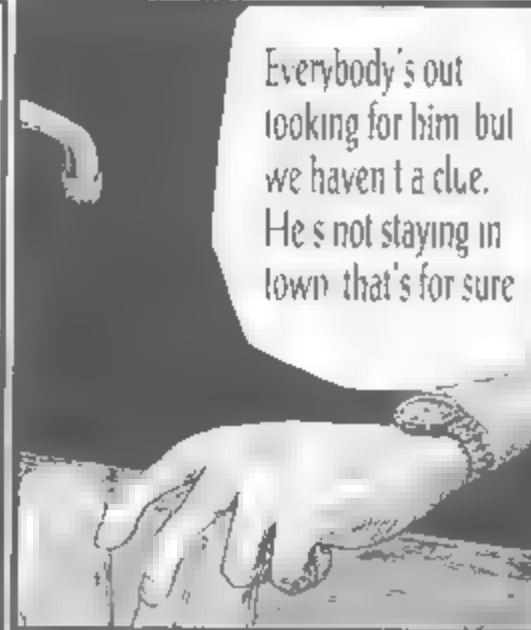
So he got away, huh?




The wastelands? Just the two of us guys alone?



Kaien, why don't you and that kid partner up and take a ride out to the wastelands



Everybody's out looking for him but we haven't a clue. He's not staying in town that's for sure



Corks said it's gonna take another two months to get her ready... the old bat



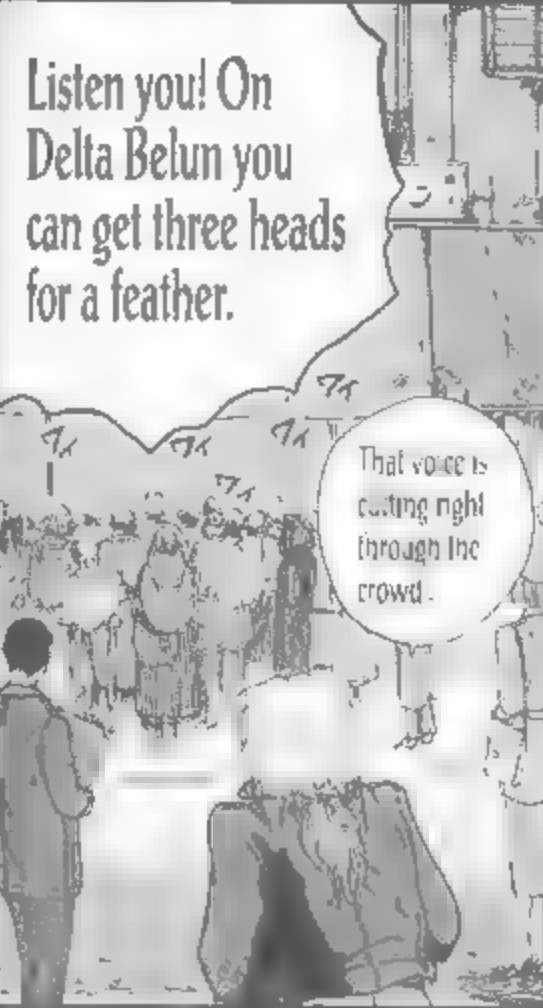
Damn it! If only Auxo were here!




He's your boyfriend, isn't he?




Listen you! On Delta Belun you can get three heads for a feather.



That voice is cutting right through the crowd.



Now just a minute! Just the other day two heads of cabbage were going for a feather...



It's her...



What are all these weird looking people doing around during the daytime?

Oh my! I...I...

It's the government's fault!
Throw in an orange! The
prime minister of Grees is the
best looking thing this town
has ever seen. Doesn't that
count for anything?

What did you say?
Huh...prices are
higher out here in
the desert?

Hi. Remember
me? The other
day with the
winter radish.

Huh?

Sorry...
I think I'll be home
around ten...Huh?
Yeah...Okay...

Ssizz? Yeah...
Listen...I'm going to
eat out tonight...

Yeah, he's really cute.
I'll be fine. Really! No
problem...leave him
to me! Ha-ha-ha.

Hellooo!...Alecto...Its
meeee...Great! Listen,
I won't be home
tonight.



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Thing's just happened, that's all.

Ssizz's really gonna be upset...

Puri, purr Nice little Ayako

Hey...Is it really true that all the headdliners in Kastenpo are out to get that M-H destroyer?

Did you miss me?

Ayako, I'm sorry...I was called away on urgent business.

It's about time I hooked one of the big fishes...the Mejojos are getting antsy

He might be a too, but he's got all the information

Hi Your Excellency, where have you been?

What the...!

Okay!

Why don't we have a seat here and past the time!

It's the bitch of
Delta Belun!

Oh man!

Hey! He's
found himself
a girlfriend...

How do...

Excuse me a
moment. I'll go
introduce myself.

What's
Amaterasu's
elite guard
doing here?

The Eastern Mirage
Corps? It's so much
better than the three
great knight-hoods.*

Mirages?

What a
mess... Don't tell
me the Mirages
are at it again!

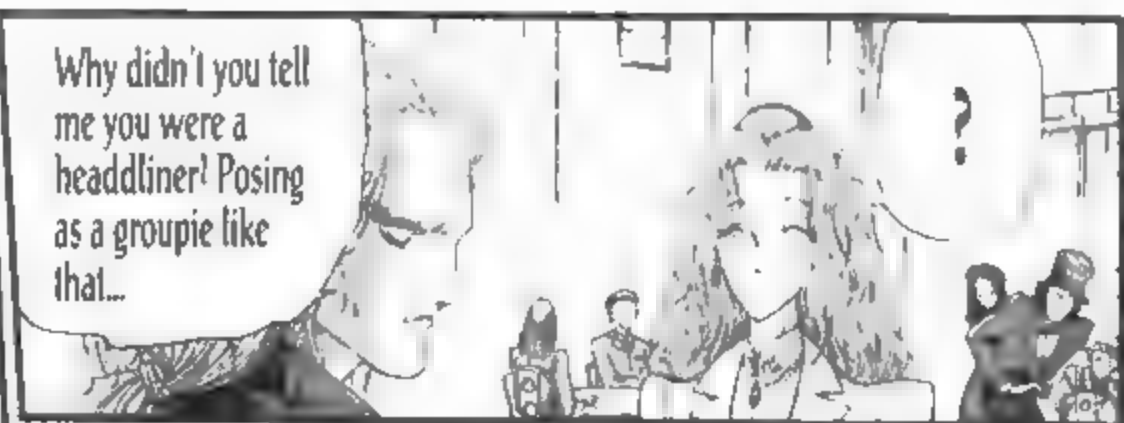
It's Aisha Codante
in the flesh... No
mistake about it!

If so, she's got to have
brought one of the latest
Mirage machines with her.
What a find for the Ashura
Temple! This is perfect

That heavy make-up
isn't going to fool
this Both ninja.



Who's that behind you? He seems to know you.



Why didn't you tell me you were a headliner? Posing as a groupie like that...

God! If this gets out!



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You see...

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かいな



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Well...ah...



You deceived me...



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Hey, how's it goin'?



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Luck has more to do with not having one with you. If you've got time to whine about not having a woman, why don't you figure a way out of this.

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You're really lucky to have your fatima with you.

I couldn't put it into operation even if I wanted to. That's why I'm asking you to...

"My MH" as you call it was left in my care by a very dear friend.

Okay... You've got an MH...why don't you use it!

Talk's cheap! Don't you have any shame?

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It's almost morning. Mirrod probably got his MH out for nothing.

Cut it out, will ya?

Shit! It's Mirrod!

An emergency signal!

Step on it! There was only one MH out on patrol tonight.

He put out a dispenser while on patrol. He won't be contacting us.







Ssizz! Get the hell outta there!



It's no use! She's in some kind of trance!



Out of the blue. I got no sign at all.

We s in deep trouble, capitan! He looks a tad PO'd.



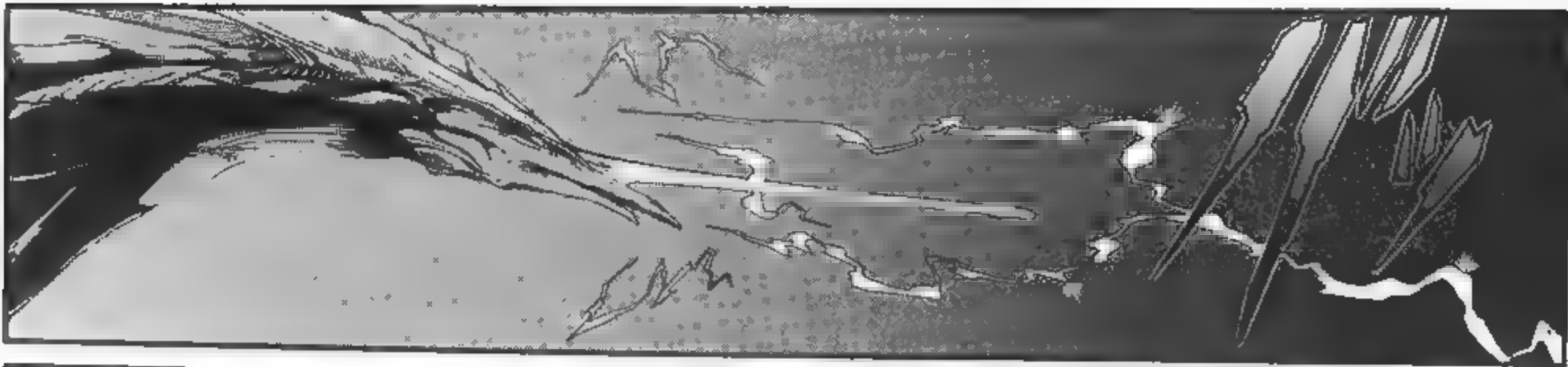
What are we gonna do?



Over here! Grab on!



Huh?



A vo...voice...

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Ah...ah...

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Ahem anem

...or he'll kill you.

You're doing fine
Don't broadcast
any bad vibes

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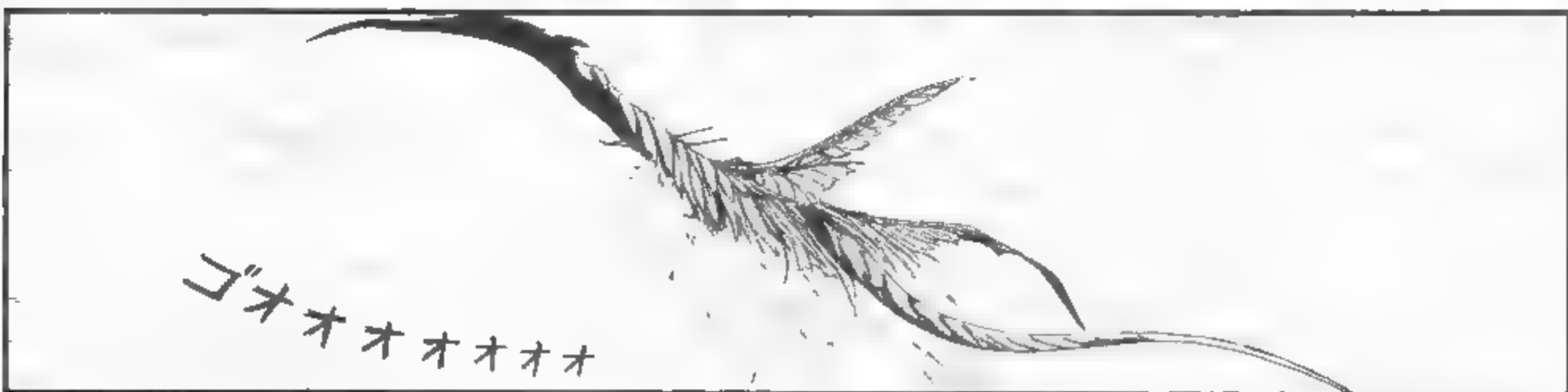
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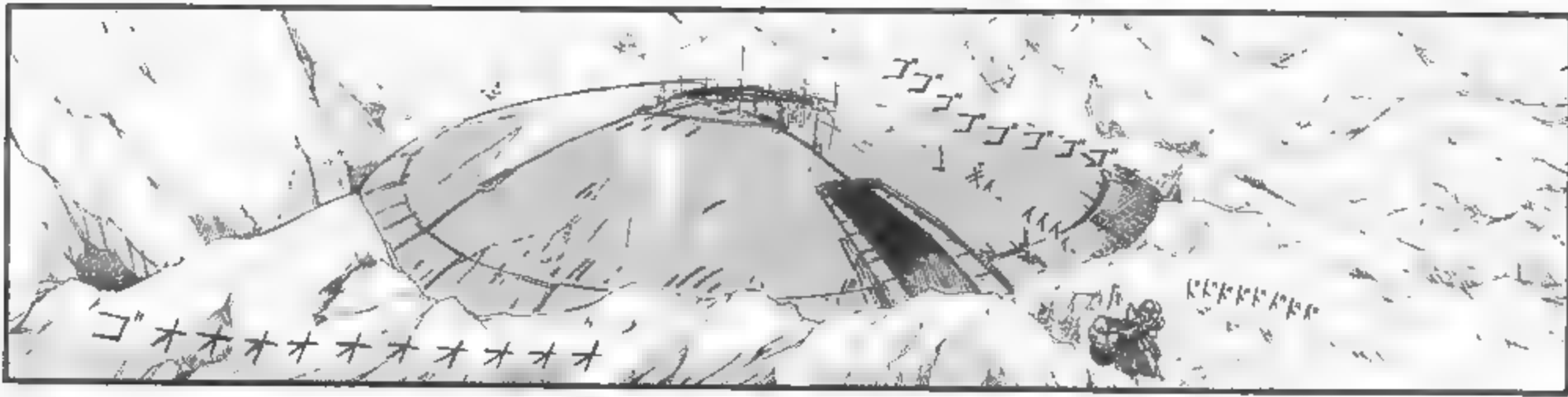
...sorry...I'm so sorry.

I'm...I'm...I'm
so....

...end to...this
trouble...Please...please...
Give us another chance.

We...we...





You're right... There's no prestige for the Ashura in even a hundred swords taken from mediocre headdliners.

Mejojo did order us to down thirty MHs and bring back their swords, but...

Twenty-nine kilis... Just one more to go, Your Excellency

What are you talking about?

However... as Tomoe said, No. 30 will be the last and most formidable opponent...



Think of the data we can collect by Aisha's machine just approaching us.



AKD Mirage Corps headdliner Aisha Codante, that's who. I got goose bumps just hearing about it.

Kastenpo has enabled us to ignore every rule of war in our field testing...I wonder why nobody else has ever done it! Heh-heh-heh.



This is a great climax, the moment we've been waiting for...

Worshipping a couple of overgrown lizards like gods or something...What a bunch of fools!

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The stupid cowards go on about this being the sanctuary of the dragons!

Already gone...Nothing I can do about it now.

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We're really screwed this time...

Guns, we'll just have to take it

Nope. Everything's under control, Icaros.

Is there something wrong, master?

The Floating Temple on Delta Rain

Oh-oh!

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Come over here
for a sec, will ya!



Ah...fine...just
fine...Seven will be
completed within
the month.
But...umm...



How re the
LED Mirages
coming along?

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Icaros, leave us
alone for a while
okay!

Sure...



Come sit on
my lap...

Sorry, Lie...



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Just for a
little while?



Come see me
tonight, okay?

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Ever since you were a child, you looked more like the Amaterasus than any one of the Limes or Codantes.

When I do this, you look just like my mother.



Everyone...all of you...are going to die and leave me...aren't you?



Your Majesty...no...

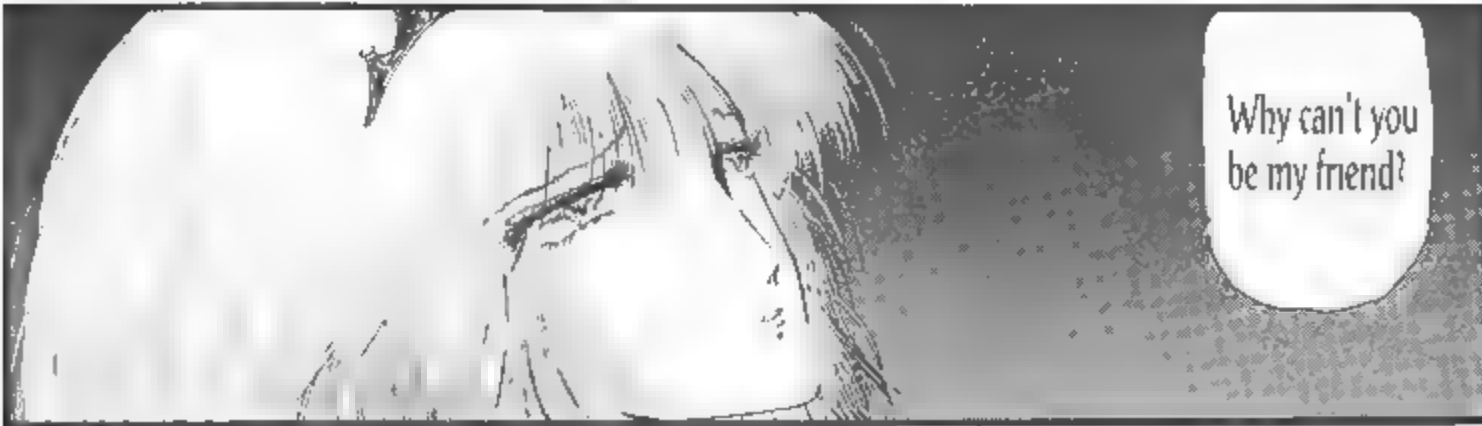


When I can no longer serve you...the next Ex will take my place...and the next hers..

Don't worry...When I die, the Atowight Ex family will still be yours...



Mother..



Why can't you be my friend?



You of all people should understand that...

We are Your Majesty's servants... like MH components...

The MH
Aisha took
with her...

?

I think I'm just
going to concentrate
on completing the
Jagd Mirages from
now on.

Thanks,
Lie...I'm sorry
about all this.

I don't know
how to put this,
but...

There's one
other thing,
Your Majesty.

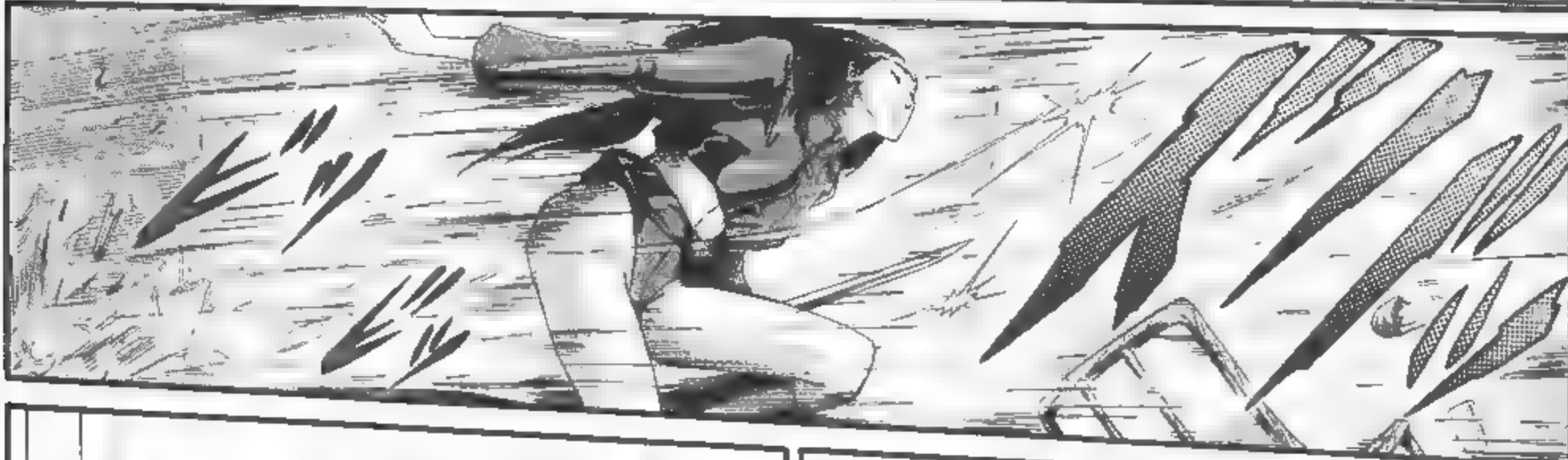
No! Not the
Cross Mirage!


What?!

Master! Is
that you?


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God! You reek of semen!
Don't tempt me! I'd like to see
everyone of your kind dead,
starting with you right now!




Hi there. Just relax and
do exactly what I say.
Resist, and I'll stick
this up where the
headliners go.




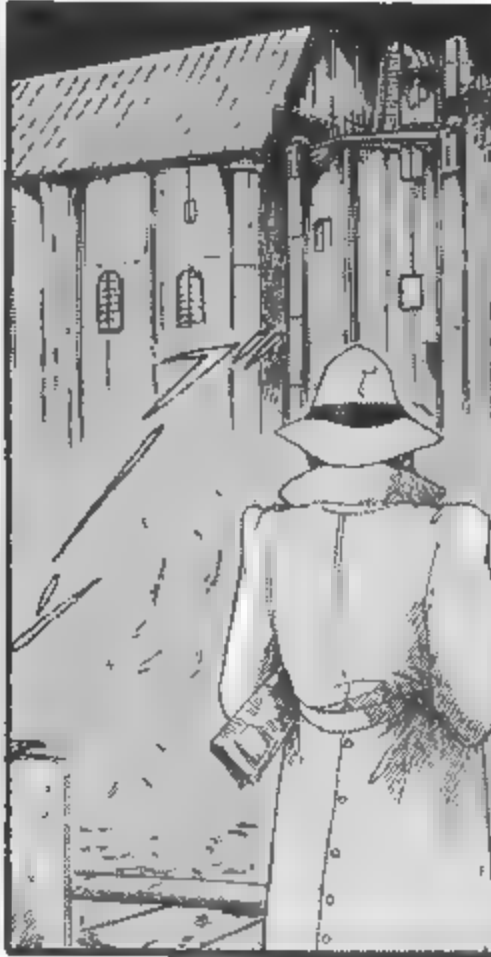
Get your
fatima suit on!
You're coming
with me.



There are plenty of abe-
bodied headliners out
there who won't dare
operate mortar
headd's...because they can't
stand being in the same
machine with you.



What's Tomoe
doing out at this
time of night?



Your master'll
follow, and then
we'll send you
both to headliner
heaven, or
wherever you
freaks go.



WANT you See
her WATCH!

Alecto...

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I'm sorry about
Ssizz getting you
hurt like that.

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We're late. The
guy at the garage
is probably fit to
be tied by now.

We need either a
headdliner from the
three top orders...or
better.

It's about time we put
an end to this mess. The
only thing is that he's
already proven he can
kick some serious ass.

I can't desecrate it
now...I know what
we're facing here,
but...

I have always...
defended Canon
Law...and...lived my
life according to it.

Sounds like a dorrey.

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What was that?

Sounds like a dorrey.

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What was that?

...one of the possibilities I mentioned. She seems willing to cooperate.

That's...

Well, well...

Not really...but with her, we don't have much to worry about. We're almost there.

Do you know Sandra?

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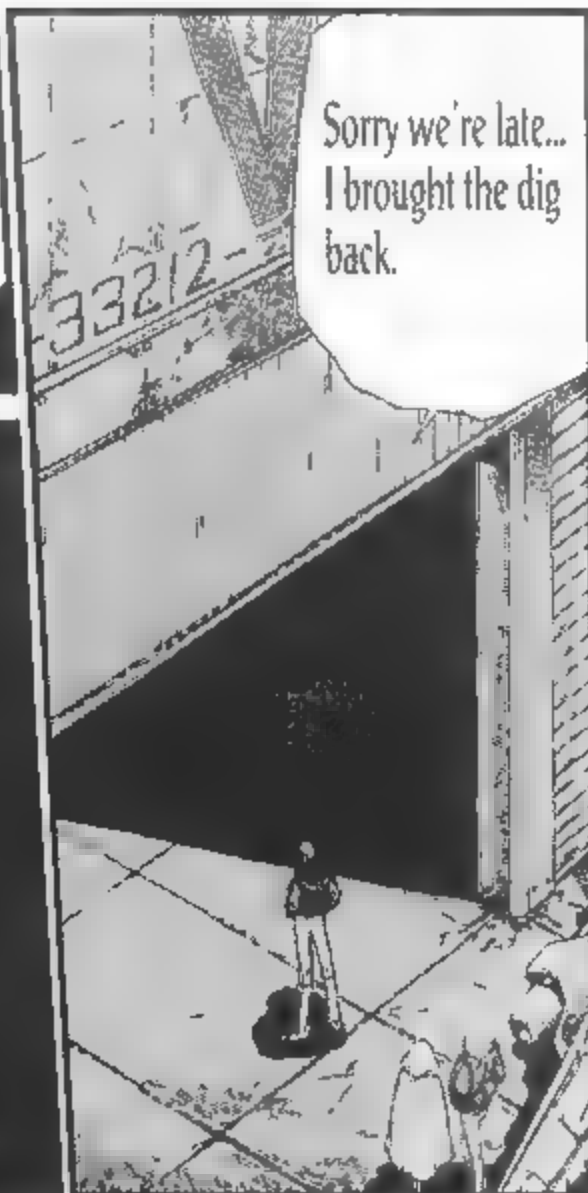
Not really...but with her, we don't have much to worry about... We're almost there.

Do you know Sandra?



Nothin' to worry about...
More to the point, did a
woman leave here in a white
dorrey a little while ago?

Hi...You're hurt!



Sorry we're late...
I brought the dig
back.



Yep...Pretty
strange, huh?

Alone? With
no fatima?

Yeah...She sure
did...but she was
alone...can you
believe that?



One more
thing...She left
with the gaskets
still sealed on the
exhaust bypasses.

Looks like she left
home in a hurry
without a final check
of the machinery...But
that could be done
now on the dorrey... if
she had her fatima
with her.



It's already too
late, I'm afraid.



To bad...Let's just
leave her fate to
Providence.



I can't
say...hee-
hee-hee...



What?! What
do you mean
too late?!"

She's been
set up!

You know
what I think?

Hey, wait a
minute!

Excuse me. I'll
be going now.

It's a trap!!
Get my dig!

What are we
gonna do?

There's a hundred
and fifty years of
experience for ya....

You know...I
thought something
was wrong...Her
dorrey's transmitter
was at 215MHz.

What did
you say!?

No one's blaming you,
Cardinal Reyback...Who
in their right mind would
be willing to dump the
next Pontificate over
something like this?

Well! What
are you
gonna do?

See ya 'round... After this is over, let's grab a beer.

Basically you're just a guy who can I admit there's something more to life than Canon Law, Coballkan popery, or Lowin chivalry.

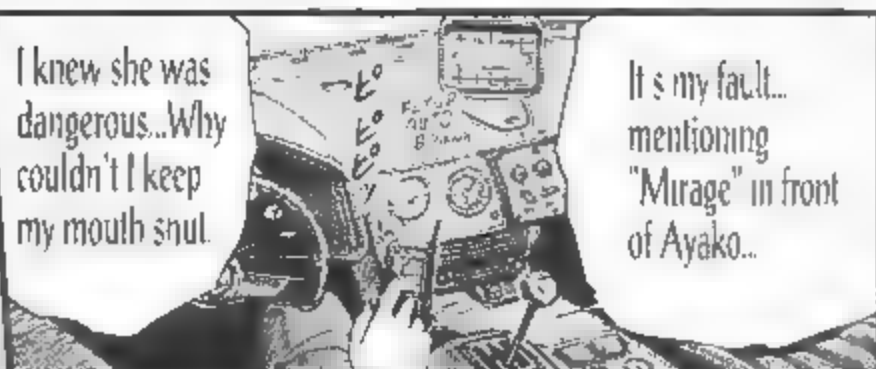


There she is.



I knew she was dangerous... Why couldn't I keep my mouth shut.

It's my fault... mentioning "Mirage" in front of Ayako...

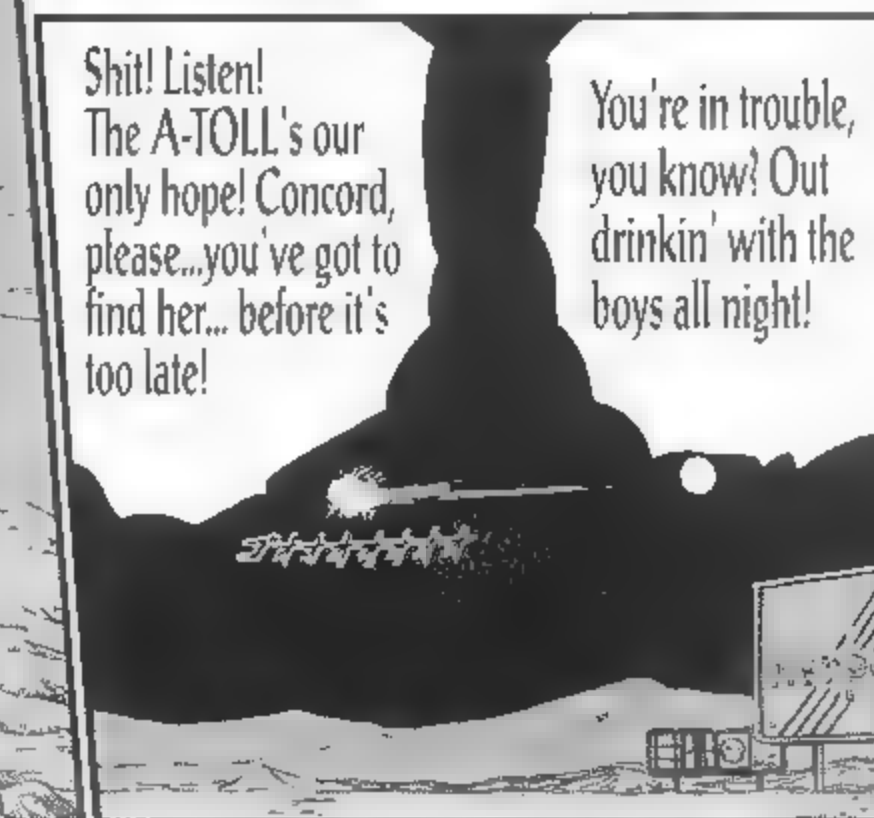


Hello, Concord? Let me speak to Jabo. Now!



Shit! Listen! The A-TOLL's our only hope! Concord, please... you've got to find her... before it's too late!

You're in trouble, you know? Out drinkin' with the boys all night!

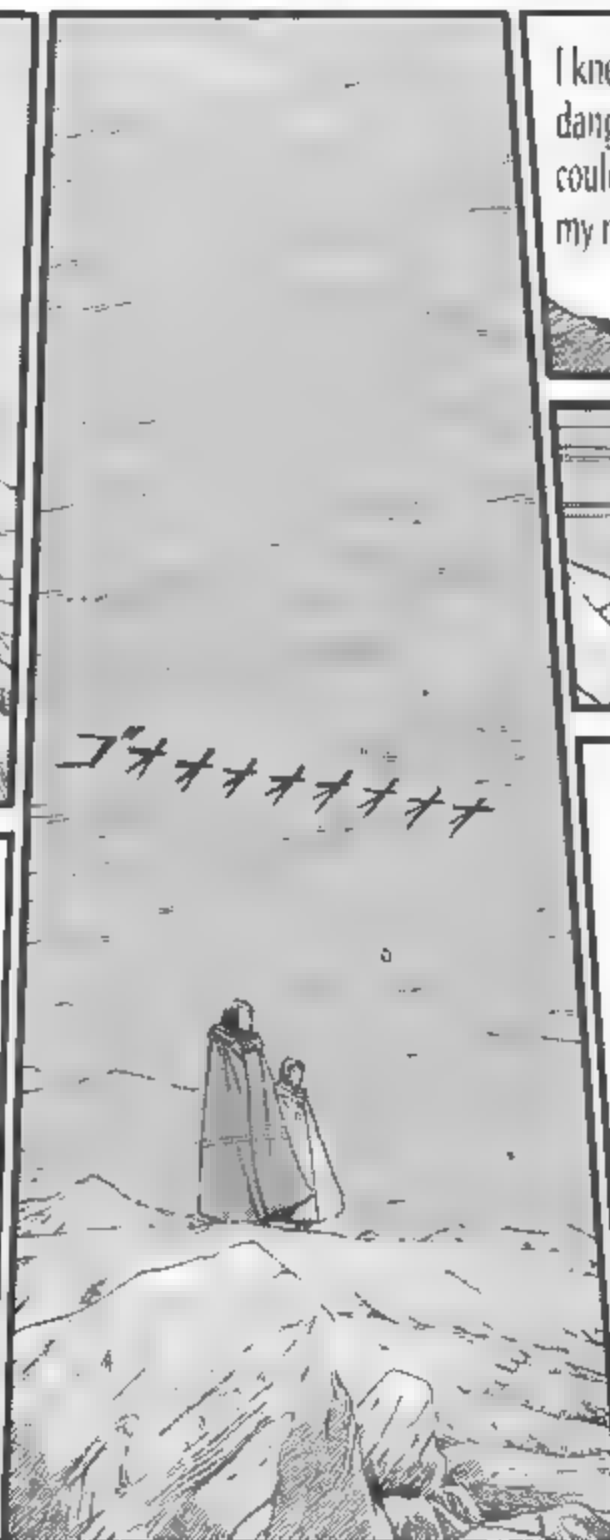


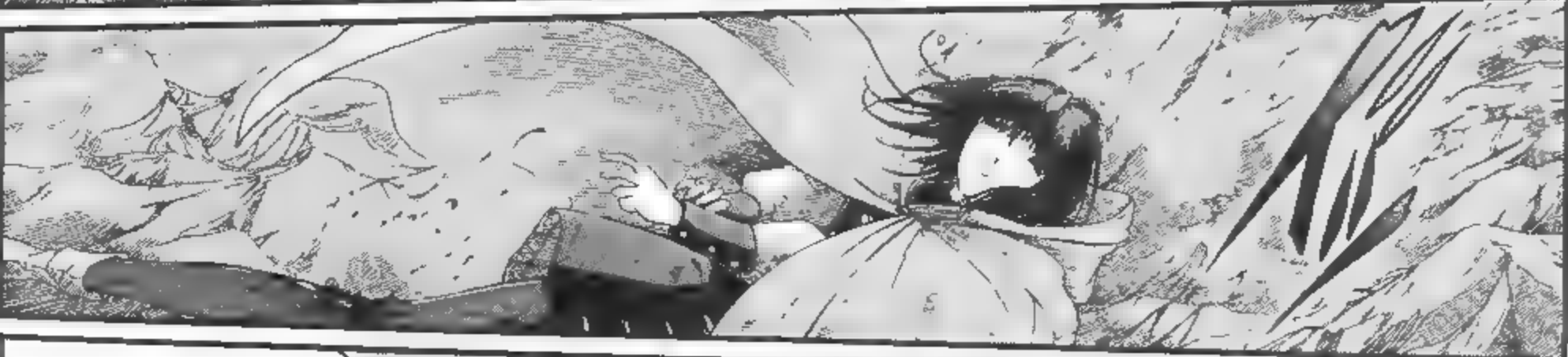
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Go on! Get outta here!



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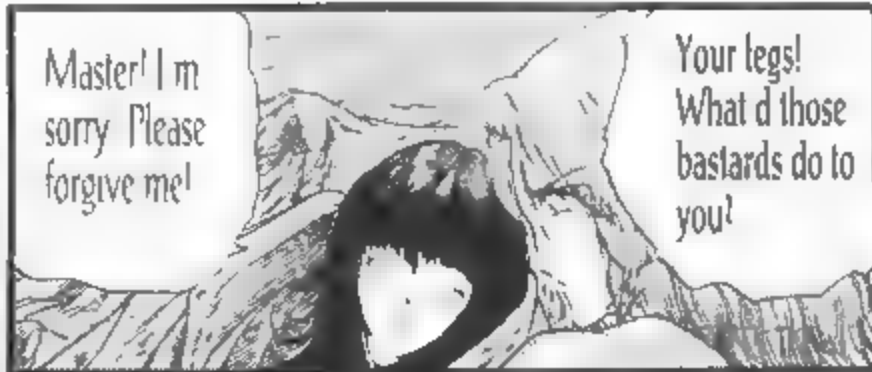




Please don't get distracted over this. What a mess.



Stop blubbing. We put casts on them, and they'll get skinner than ever...Then we'll have to get you some Fogal anti-shock tights.



Master! I'm
sorry Please
forgive me!

Your legs!
What'd those bastards do to you?



Bwah-ha-ha-ha!
Hail her
ladyship, Aisha
Codante of the
Mirage Corps...



You will be our
30th participant
and the 30th sword
we will capture. If
you value your
life, just throw
down your sword and
be on your way.
Bwah-ha-ha-ha!

I am Iler the
Bishop of the
Mejojo Dynasty,
and I invite you
to participate
in the final
testing of our
new MH, the
Ashura Temple!

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Whaddaya expect for a third-rate order of knights. I am really pissed off this time.

Who the hell is this boor? His lines aren't even original.

The lady left
this for you.

I forgot...

It's only a feeling...
but I think there's
going to be some
real trouble this
time... real bad!

Oh yeah...

"Please do what you
can to help me secure
her release... Aisha
Codante, Prime
Minister of Grees.

If anything happens to
me, please inform the
AKD... My fat'ma Alecto
has been taken hostage...

She's the same age as my wife

....that was Princess
Codante of the
Mirage Corp!!

You mean to
tell me...

What should I do?

Talk to me, Ssizz!

...who has both Pope
Spander's affection
and trust... You are
the guardian of the
Coballikan Canon

Master, you are
a Lown Knight.

the property of the
Pope and the people
without permission
from the state and
His Holy Father'

You cannot commit
to the battlefield a
mortal head that is
according to the law
of Coballikan..

Jeez! Rigor mortis is
setting in around
here.

That's right,
but...

Ssizz! What's
the matter?

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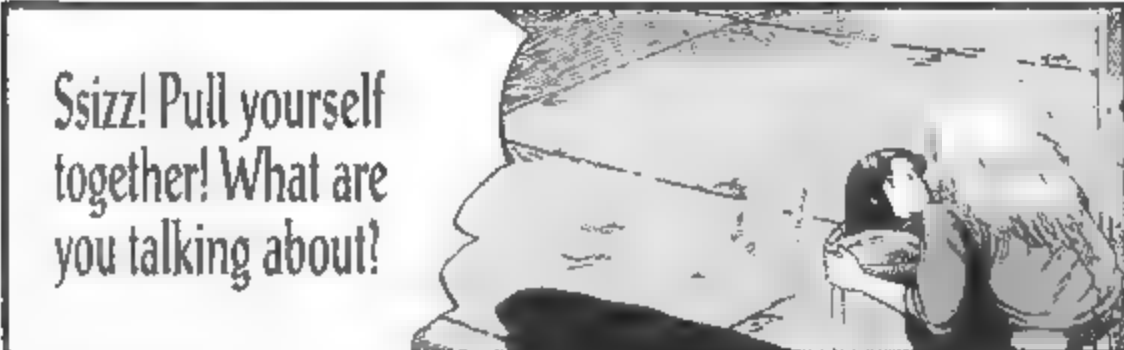


Are you sure
about that,
little fairy?




...and the Dragon gave us
one more chance.

I...I promised him...




Ssizz! Pull yourself
together! What are
you talking about?

It will be
awful...everything...will
be turned to...ASHES!!



It's impossible for a fatima
subjected to mind control
to say anything that would
hurt her master.

...or you're a
damned fool!



You know
what she's
talking about...



Master...I'm
frightened..
Help me.

I was the one who
was subjected to
mind control.

I understand...
now...really.

Master...I..I

Ssizz..
forgive me!

My Lord...


Oh yes...

If it weren't for you
and Sir Hitter, we'd all
have been burned alive
by that dragon.

Will you stay with me,
even if the Lowns
excommunicate me?

At your service!
One trailer coming
right up!

Roll out my trailer...
I'm going after her!



Aye-aye, Sire.
All positions in auto-
control... Generator
fully charged.

Alecto, how are
your legs? Don't
overdo it. Let's
dispose of this
nuisance quickly,
then get you some
medical help.

There is only a small
amount of resistance
coming from the
chest cavity

Master

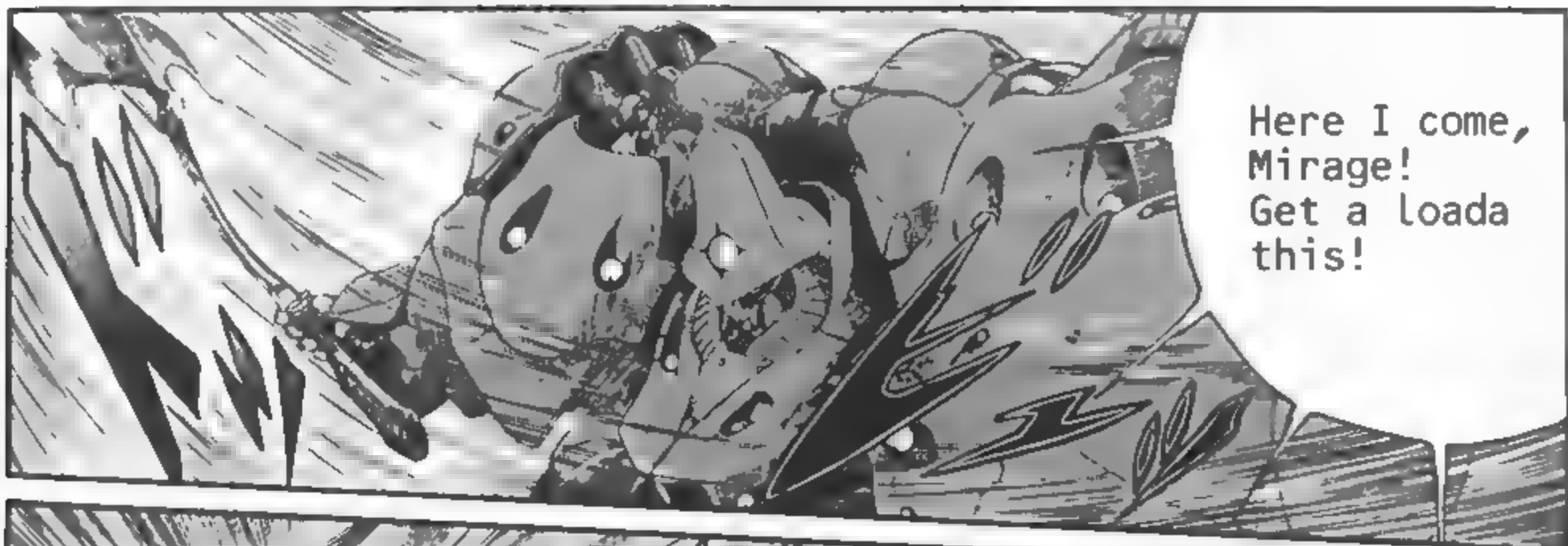
Hmmm...so
that's the
AKD's latest
model, huh?

It's too late
for that!
It'll only
take about
three minutes.
Let's go.

Roger...
Over and
out.

Heh-heh-heh
Don't worry about
a thing...Smash it
to bits.

Tech station!
Are you ready?
Keep that data
flowing in!



Here I come,
Mirage!
Get a load
this!



I don't believe
it! How could
he come in
hand-to-hand
with absolutely
no data on us?



Whoa! She
parried
our blade!



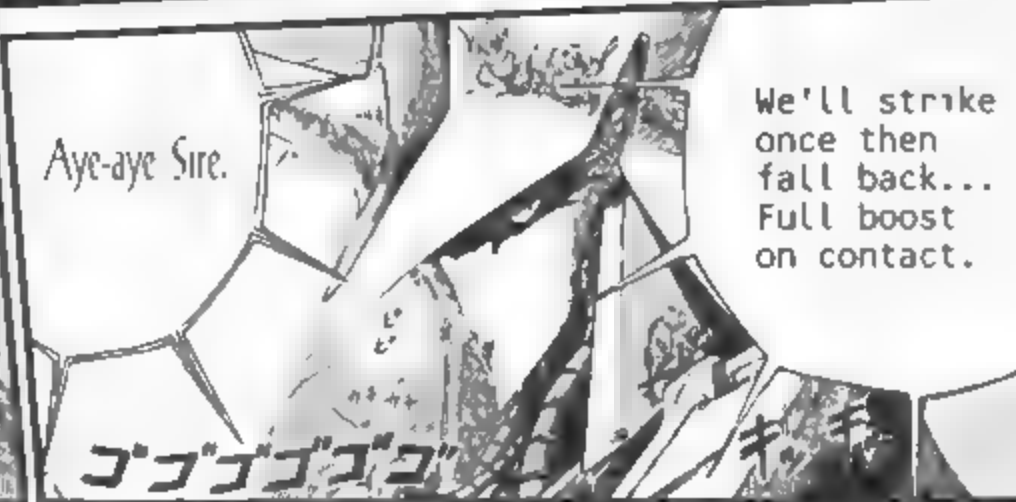
Dammit! It's
already started.



It's those
shoulders that
don't look
right...



This guy's more than
I bargained for, but
we still out-man him
in strength...



Aye-aye Sire.

We'll strike
once then
fall back...
Full boost
on contact.

Yes, Sire. I can't detect any movement by the dorrey...I think the battle has already begun.

We'll leave the trailer here. Ssizz, do you have Aisha's coordinates?

That's a dangerous maneuver! Your power will only be at 25%...It'll take 15 minutes to regain full control command.

We don't have a second to lose! We'll teleport in full battle readiness.

Aye-aye, sire. Battle mode programmed to 'anti-MH'...Full power set after teleport...

That's the risk we have to take if we're going to get to Aisha in time. Hurry up with the settings!

Replace the anti-personnel laser with a 30mm MK108 blaster...No, make it an MK103.

Incendiary weapon control loading 180mm HE, AP, HESH, FSDS and TS mines*. Ten seconds to completion

Gravity alteration at Kallamity power mode plus 0.0002...

Power control at 11.3:1...Generator output balance 5-2.5-2.1-3...

What do you want as the main weapon master?

Aye-aye Sire Main axle-mounted armed MK103 mortar cannon incendiary power source ON

Suspension point bypass release to A-B-B-A-C-E-D-D

Cooling shield oil Pressure bypass functioning normally...Cam gear train synchronized...

Arm it...I'm sure we brought one with us...I'm not taking any chances with this opponent.

Are you sure? That's a top secret weapon...It's only been used twice before.

The Energy Sword...

Aye-aye, Sire Energy Sword bypass connected...Drawing energy from the pelvic region

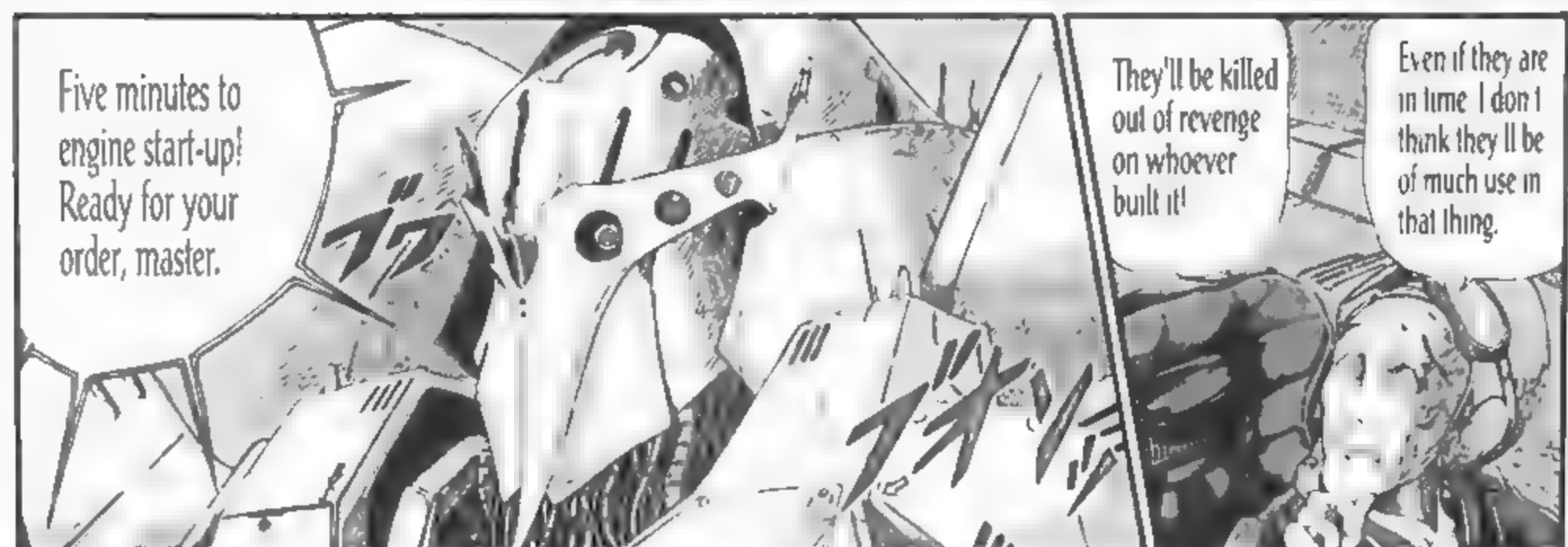
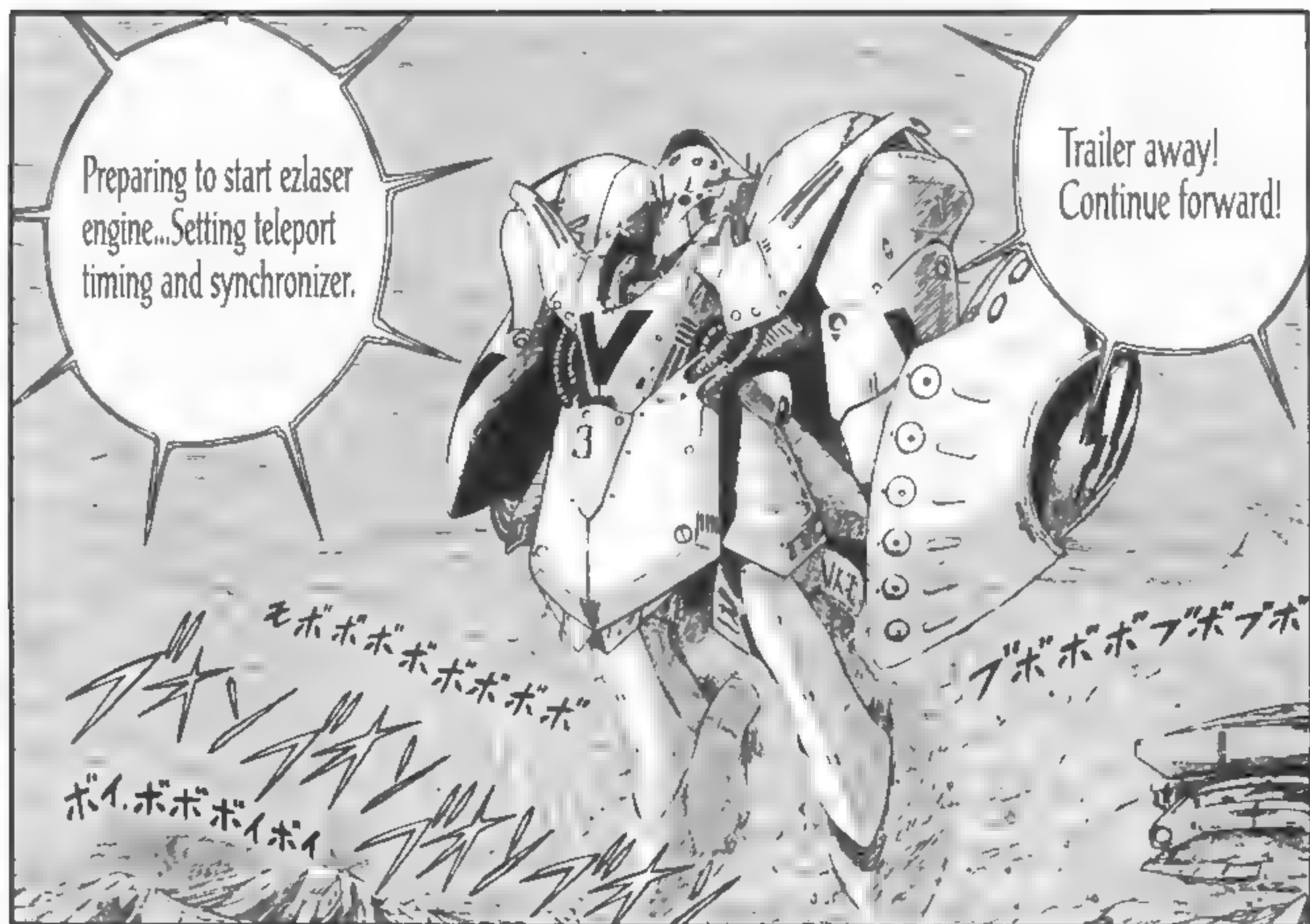
Okay! Open the trailer! Open the bay!

Generator ON... Charging the veil just in case...Removing scent pole detector from the skull.

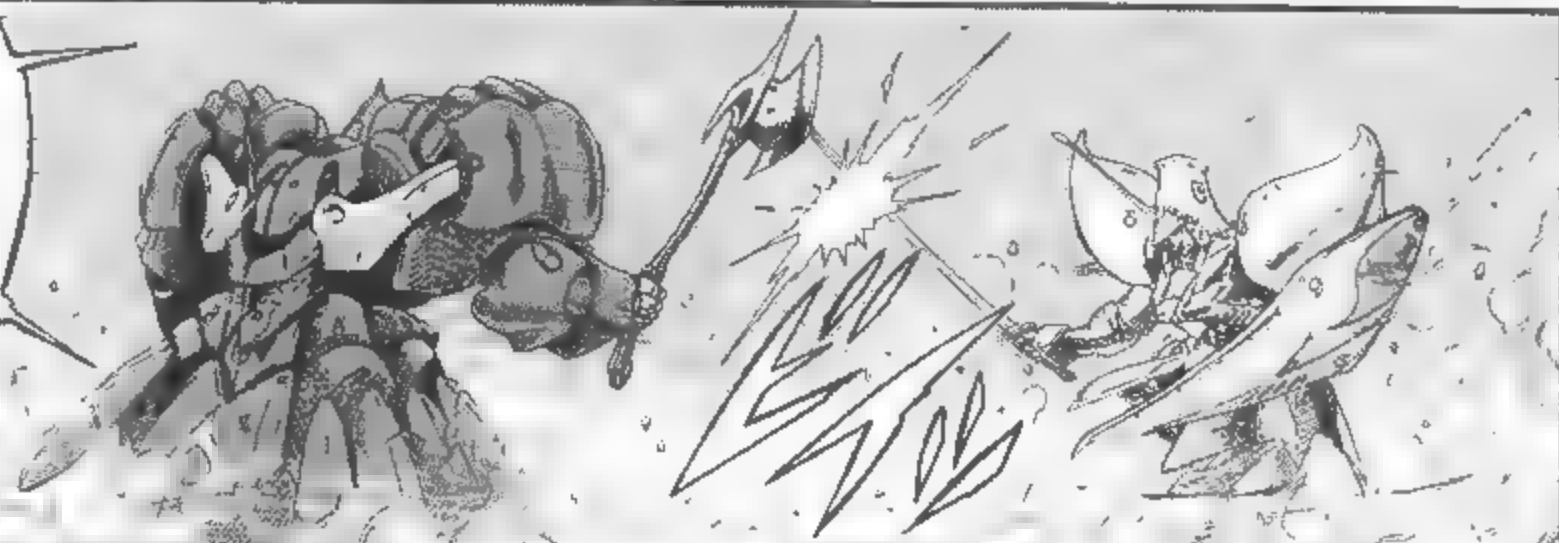
Mortar head lift-up! Lifting!

Here it comes! The MH of the century!

What the...?!



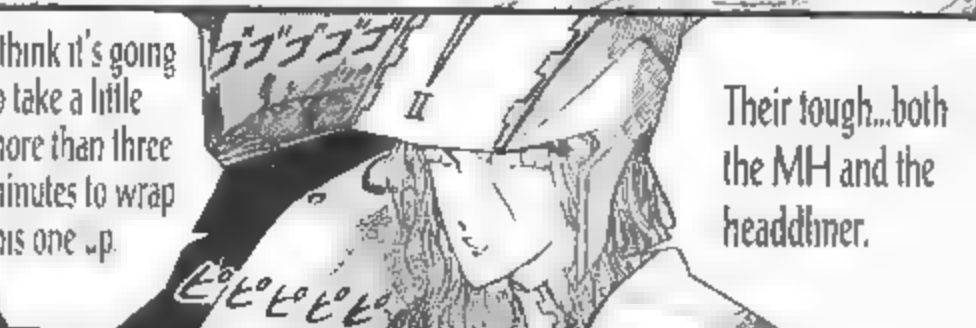
Stop pussy
footing
around.
Engage,
damn it!



Transfer drive control
and balance to me!
Taking over full control.



I think it's going
to take a little
more than three
minutes to wrap
this one up.



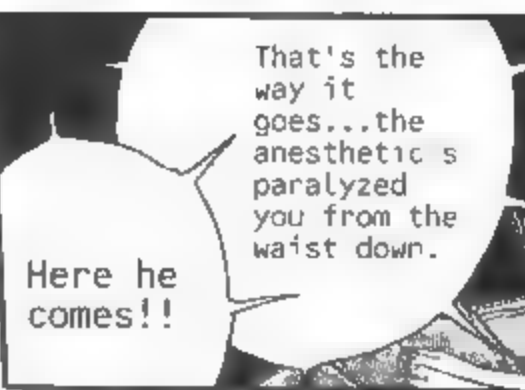
Their tough...both
the MH and the
headdrmer.

Come and
get it!



Here he
comes!!

That's the
way it
goes...the
anesthetic s
paralyzed
you from the
waist down.



I'm sorry...my
legs..



It just
bounced off!

Huh!



Whoa! The first time we've been hit....!

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I can't believe it!

...You mean about the self-destruct mechanism...?

...knows full well...heh-heh-heh...

Is he alright?

Hmmm...Did you expect anything less?

In the event that the Ashura is beaten, Iler...

...look at the data! The newest Mirage...what power, torque and balance!

No problem at that level... But...

Stop! Drive control power to full!

No, wait till we've given it everything else we have!

Is it time for the Dragon's Tooth master?

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First, I'm going to push you back, then knock you down and cut you to bits!



Master!!



Don't let the Emperor hear that master



Dammit all! If I knew I was going to run into this guy, I would have brought an LED Mirage!



Holy mackerel!

I don't care! Damn it! I don't care! Sonofabitch! He doesn't care if I'm around, anyway! Grrrrrr!



Bwah-ha-ha! Over-heating a little, I see.



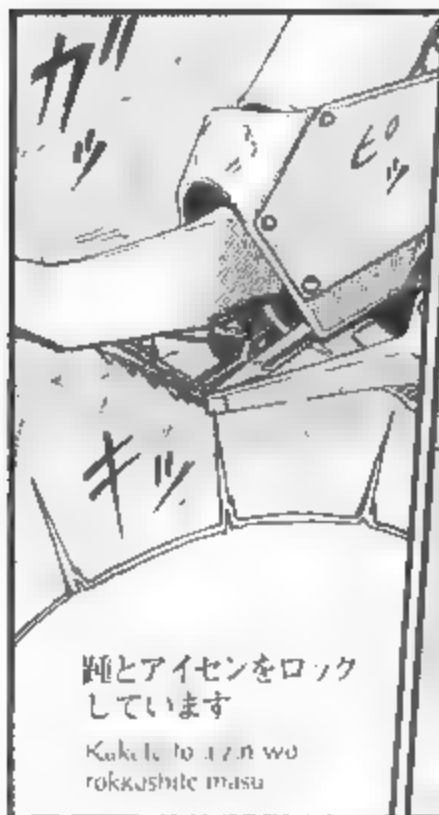
Damn it! Who is this guy!!



Oh, pressure dropping! Power is down! Can't compensate!



Exhaust device reversing! Is it the function turbine!



脚部を拡張します
Kyaku bu wo
kakuchoushimasu



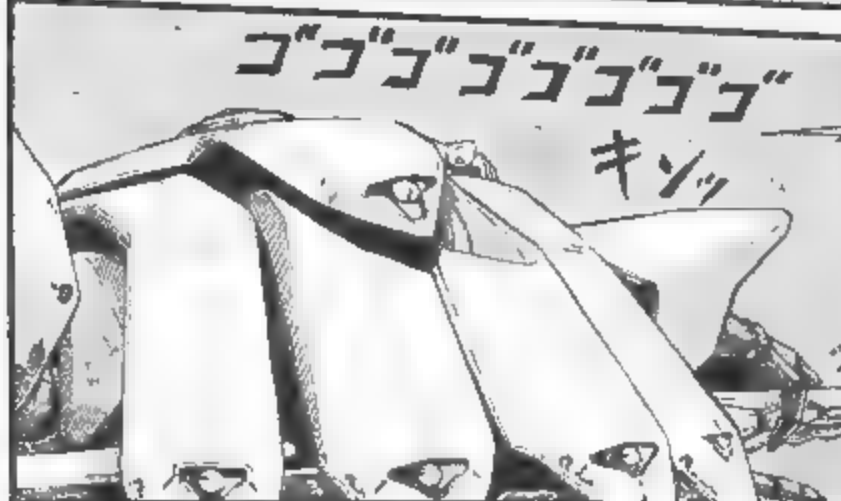
頭部収納 胸部を設定点
に戻します
Toubu shuudou kyoutu wo
setchiten ni mouushimasu



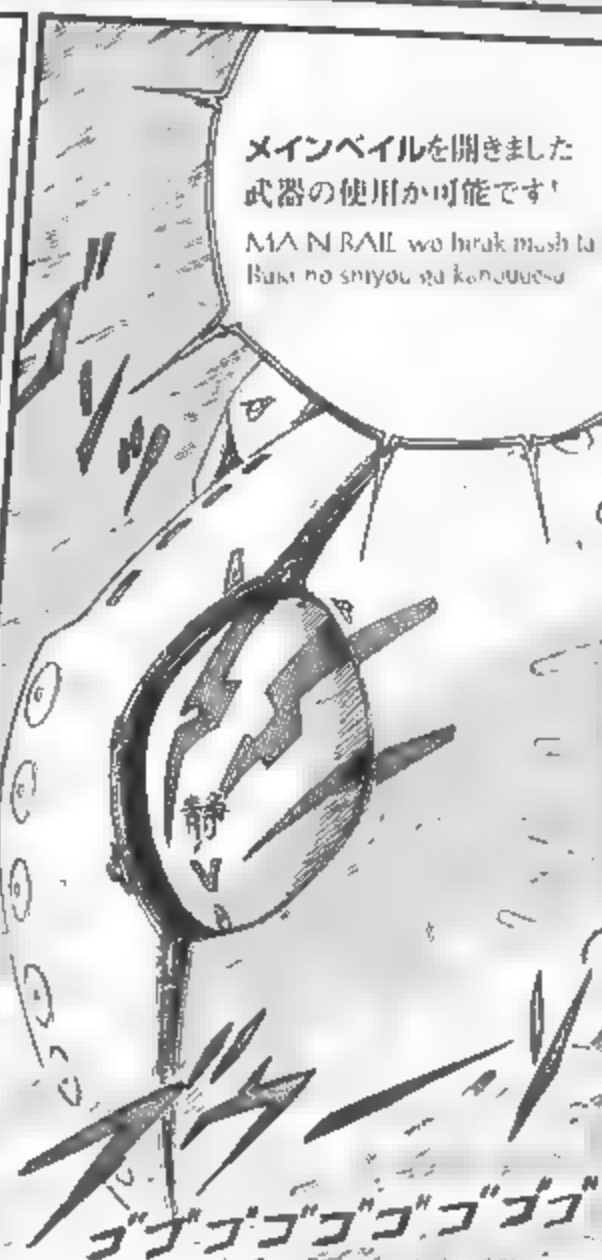
クリッピンク!
kripinku



腕部にパワーを供給しています
Wanbu ni pawa wo kyoukyuu shiteimasu



スペクターシールドとエネルギー
ソードも自由に使えます
Specter shield to EN-ERGY SWORD mo
jyuu ni sukaemasu



メインベイルを開きました
武器の使用が可能です
MAIN BAIL wo hirakimashita
Buki no shiyou ga kanoudesu



頭部をもとに戻しバックフェース
を装着します 続いて
Toubu wo moto ni mouoshi BACK FACE
wo souchaku shimasu Tsuzuite

スタビライザー拡張!!
Stabilizer kakuchou!!

ホーンマストをロックしました！
ハンネットを開きます！
HORNMAST wo LOCK SHITASHII
HANNETO wo hirakimasu

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チチチチチ

テレポートまで
あと5秒です
teleport made to
5 seconds

What the hell's
happening
here!!

私の“姉さん”が
危ないの
Watashi no nēsan ga
dangerous

お願い……
Onegai

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ

イレーザーシステムのゲート
を開きます！起きなさい、私
の坊や！
Eraser system no gate wo h
rakimasu! Okinasai Watashi no boyaa!

顔部を開きます!!
Ganbu wo hirakimasu!!

テレポートを開始します！
Teleport wo kaishi shimasu

エス・エス・アイ・クバルカン
変形完了！
SS I KU KUBURKAN seika
kanizou!

Unbelievable!!



Ooof!!



I can't blow the escape hatch!

Master, there's no more power!



Alecto! Use the smoke to escape!



We're screwed! How about your legs?



Bwah-ha-ha! I'm sending both of you to hell and gone.



Farewell, Your Majesty!!

Whoa!!

Hmph!
Who could
that be?

That's the
sound of a
mortar headd!

Master, 300
meters to
starboard...

What the
hell was
that!!

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トッ トッ トッ

Oh my god!
That mark!!

A Bang
Doll!!



Go for it, Iler! Show him what the Ashura's made of. Engage him!

I can't believe it! Coballkan's ultra secret weapon...right before our eyes!!

Defeat the Bang Doll, and the Ashura will reign over all the Galaxy's MHS.

Say no more! I'm after him!

I need it all to vent my anger over the atrocities this murderer inflicted on all those headdliners and falimas.

Ssizz, let me do this alone, okay?

The Kulvulcan, crafted by the three greatest meights... Vatshu the Black Knight's Rowmiran Xbin...

わかりました
お任せします

As Kaitenashi
Dragon...
...

はい

It's time to show what you can really do...

...Dr.Stoi of Dimos Hiahrarki's Feedorah fame... and your own father, Chrome Ballanche...

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....And
relish the
victory!



Are you outta
your mind? You
could get killed
doin' that! Hey!



Hey! Wait a
minute!



The Bang
Doll is
done for!

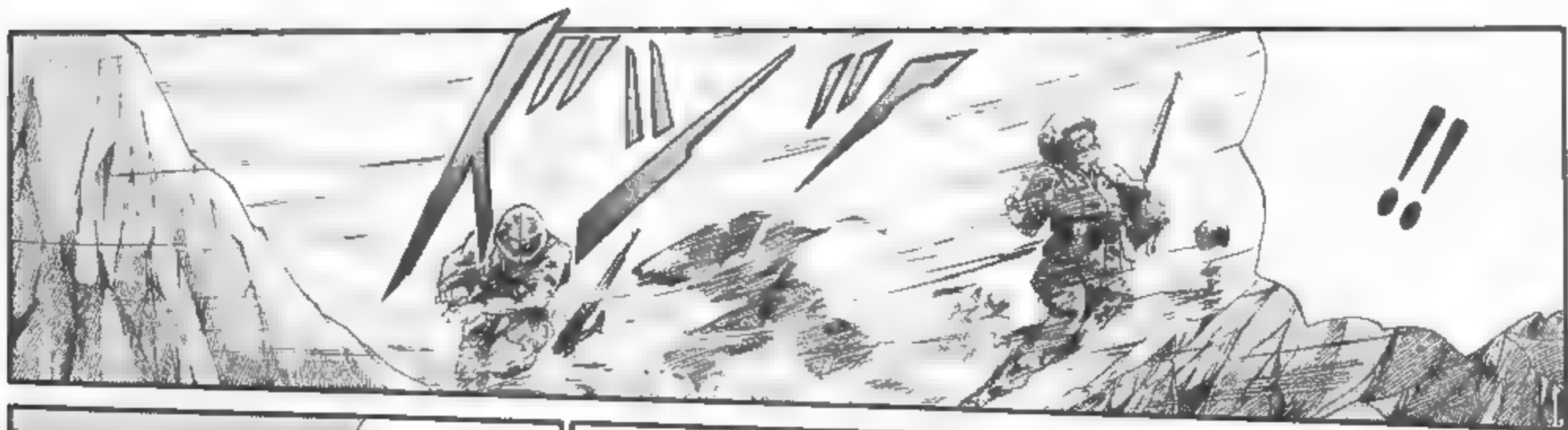
Bwah-ha-ha!
Engage...for
the last time!



Get outta
there, Muse!







Y...Yes.

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Is that the headstrong kid's MH out there?



I took a look around...They must have thought that a war started.

It's dangerous out here alone.

ゴオオオオオ



Oh no! You mean I've ranted and raved, sworn and cursed at the greatest headdliners in the Galaxy!

Fillmore's... Kneue Styliss?



If I had known, I wouldn't have left Machi and my Siren back home.

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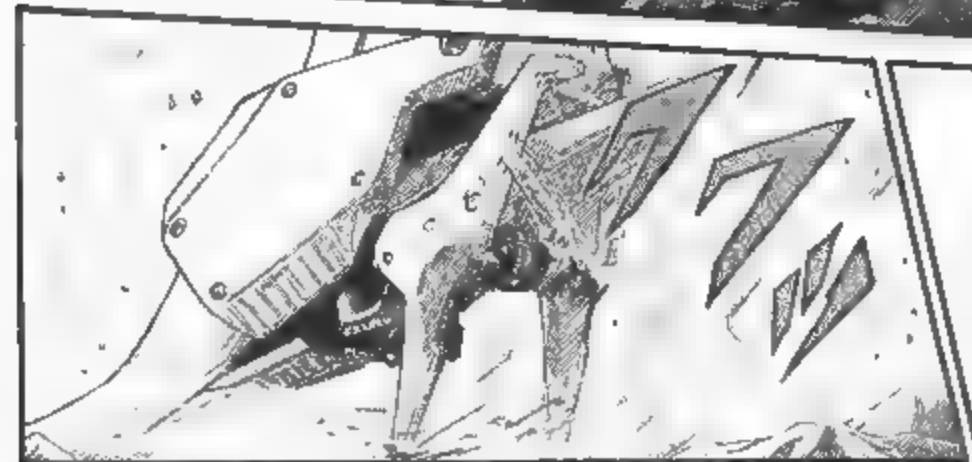


No MH has ever survived the clutches of the Dragon's Tooth.

Bwah-ha-ha! Can't move, can ya?

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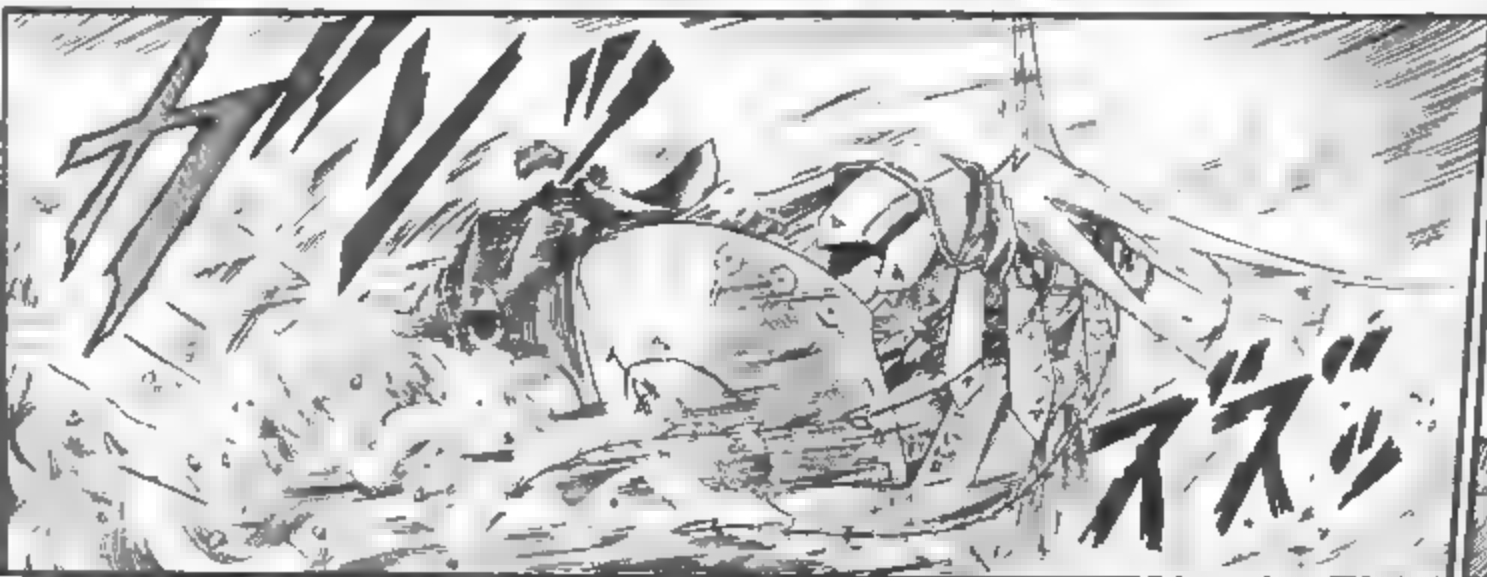
Ssizz! Heelstand!!



カカカカカ

...for all the people
you slaughtered,
tough guy.

Now it's
payback time...



Huh?
Yeooow!!

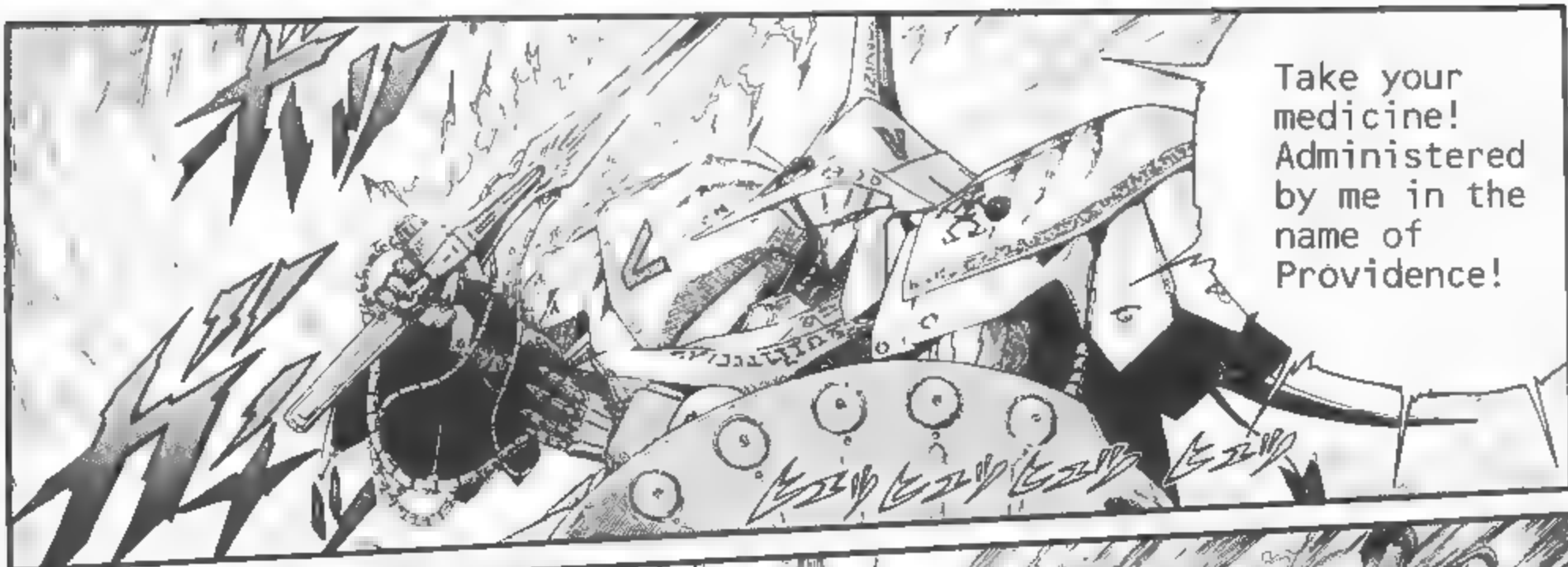


That was a
genuine, iron-
clad demo of
the kind of
power built
into the
Galaxy's top
three MHs.

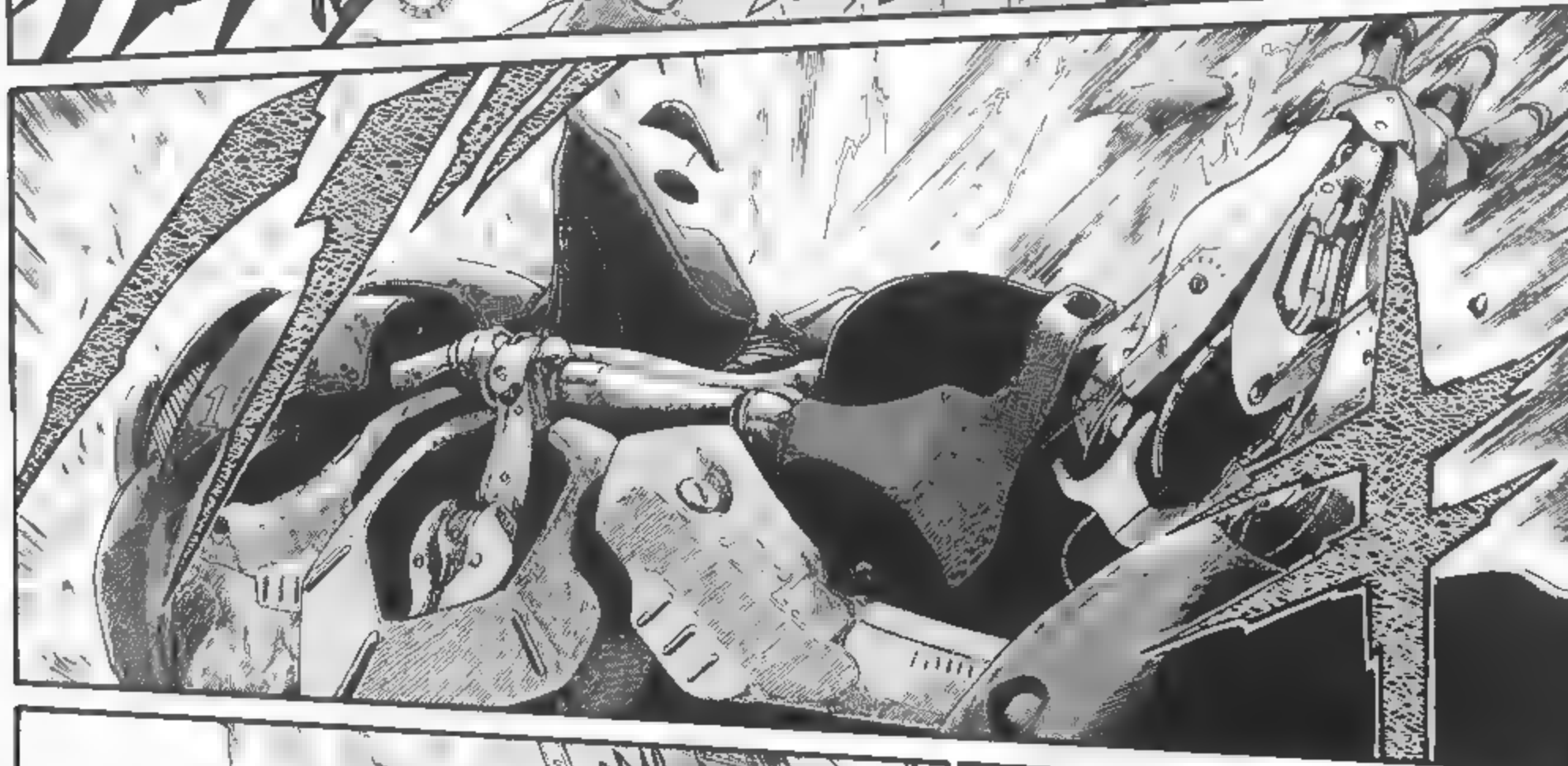


Aaaarggggh!!





Take your
medicine!
Administered
by me in the
name of
Providence!



Aaaarrggghhh!
Ananda! See ya
around!

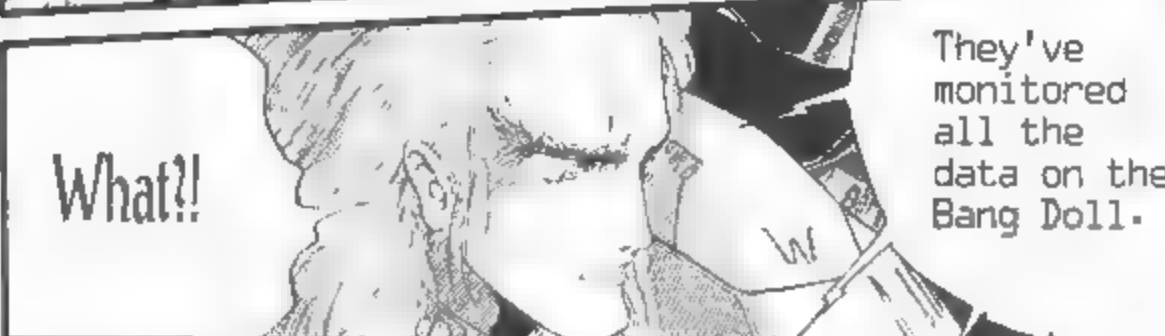


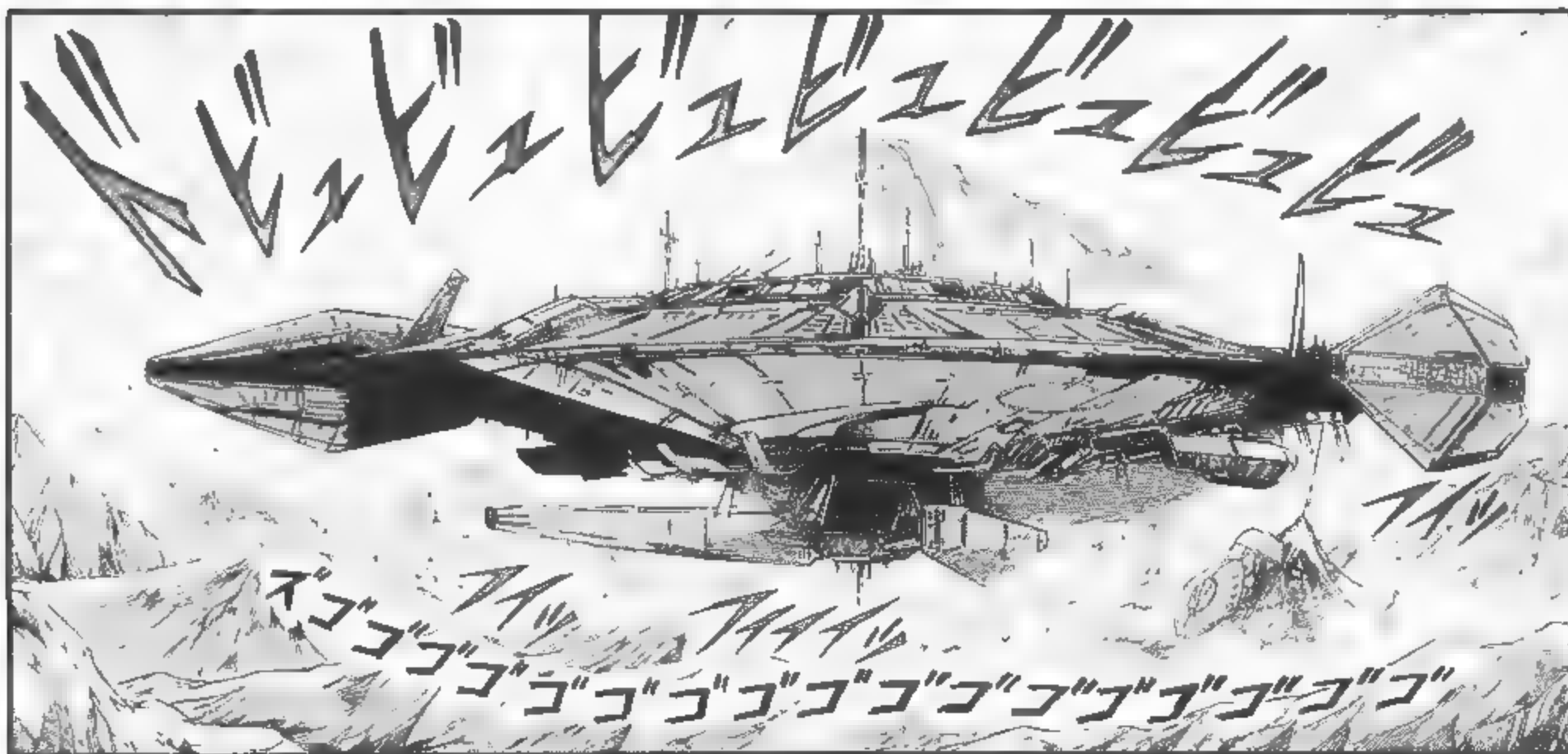
But I'm afraid...



Splendid job,
ller...so far...







...not enough power left to do that. Thanks for the data! It'll certainly come in handy!

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He's trying to break down our barrier with that fire! As if he could teleport aboard the ship...Too bad...

Don't worry.. If only we had a little more power..

Sorry, Ssizz. I got us into a real mess this time.

Damn!

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What's this?!

What the...?

Huh?!

We were not able to keep our promise. Please forgive us.

Oh no!

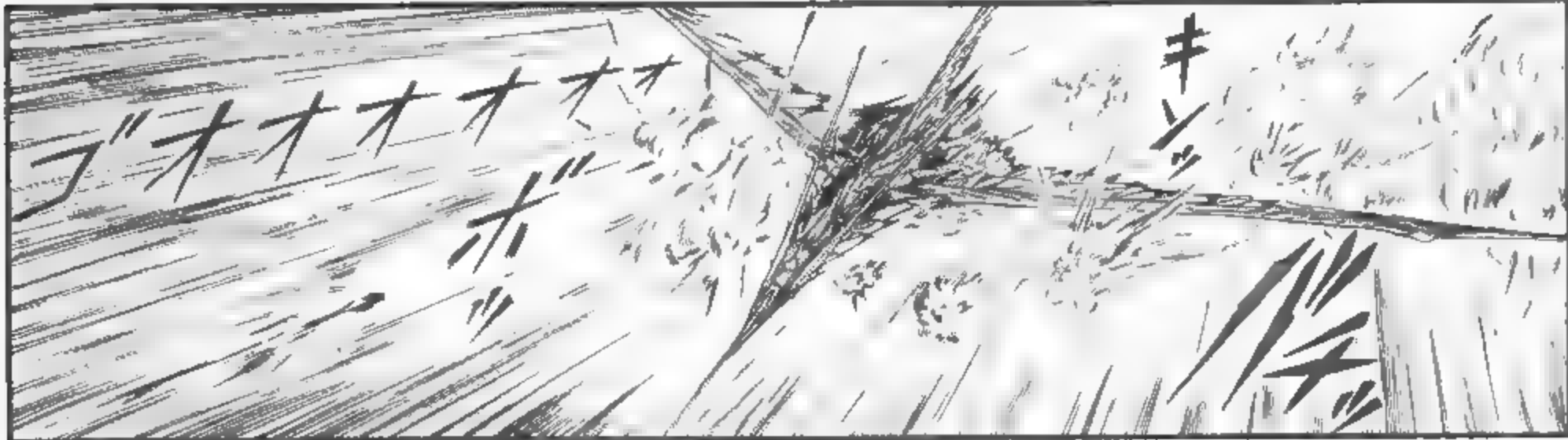


The Dragon!!



I know! Blow that thing outta the sky!

Commander!



Get a hold of yourself, man! Whatever it can do, it can't fly at the speed of sound...Full speed ahead!

Oh my god! It slapped the fire away like hockey pucks, and it's coming this way!!



Shit! They're getting away!



The missiles are veering off course

It disappeared?

What!!

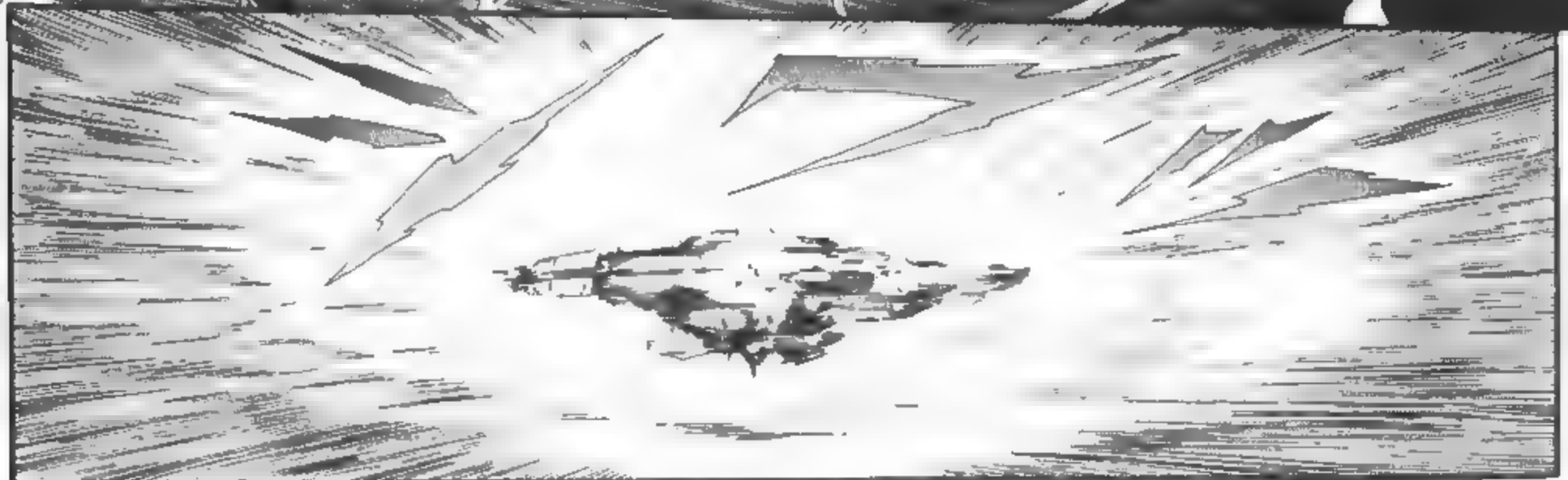
What did you expect!! What's to fear from an over-grown lizard?

We did it! We're pulling away.

In front of us...!

Commander!!

Tel..teleport?
No...that can't be!!





Jabo!
What're you
doin' here?

Baiya! Kaien!

They made a fatal
mistake... passing
off the only ruler
of this god-
forsaken place.

...divine
retribution.

Now that's
what I call...

What am I doing here?
What would you do if
you heard three or four
dorreys clanking
around in the middle
of night?

Hmmm... looks like
the Mirage and its
old miss look quite
a beating...

Oh-oh! Looks
like trouble
down there!

C'mon you damn
door...give!

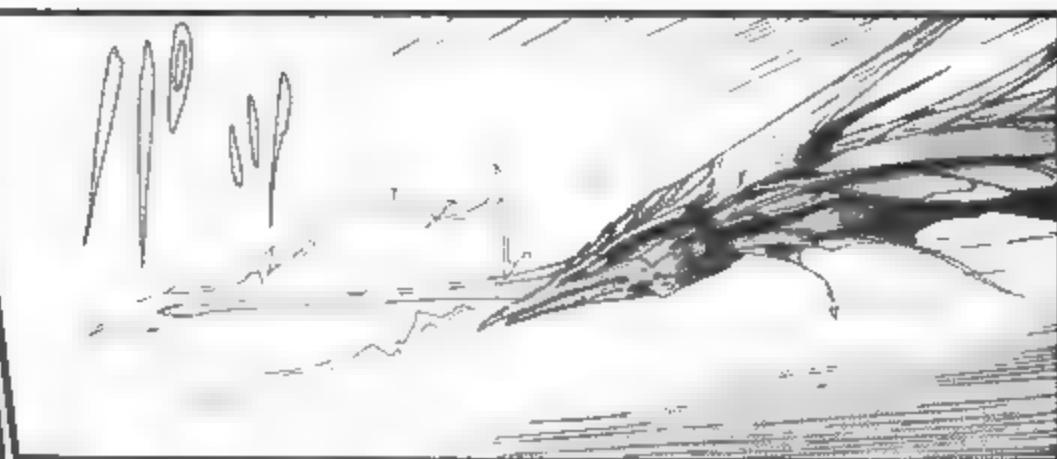
Oh no! Alecto's
being burned
alive by the
steam trapped
in there.

Help...
Somebody help!

Holy...!!!



Yipes!!



...But
how d the
door...!



Thank God!
She's still
breathing!

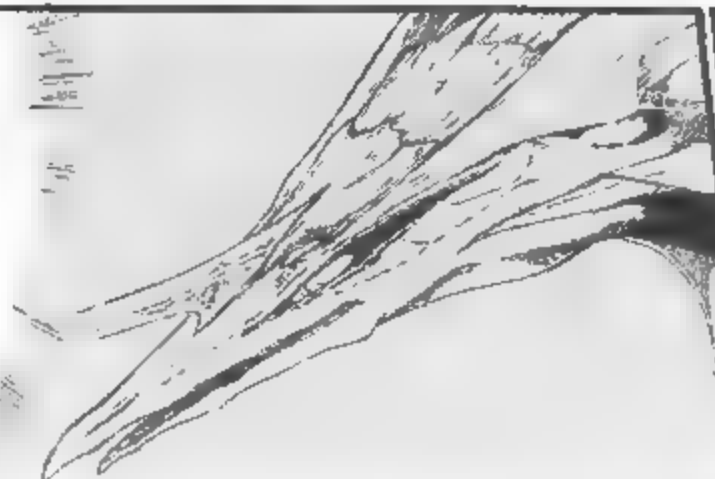


Alecto!



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**Knight of the
Mirage Corps!**



...to give you a
message for your
ruler, Amaterasu.

Listen to me carefully!
I am "Thunder"...I have
come on behalf of our
LED...

However, we will not stand
for this land being turned
into a battlefield to settle
squabbles among your
polities...No matter when
and no matter under what
circumstances...

The land of Kastenpo has
from antiquity been the
sanctuary of the Water
Emperor...We are content
to dismiss most of the
antics staged by the giants
and fairies you humans
amuse yourselves with...

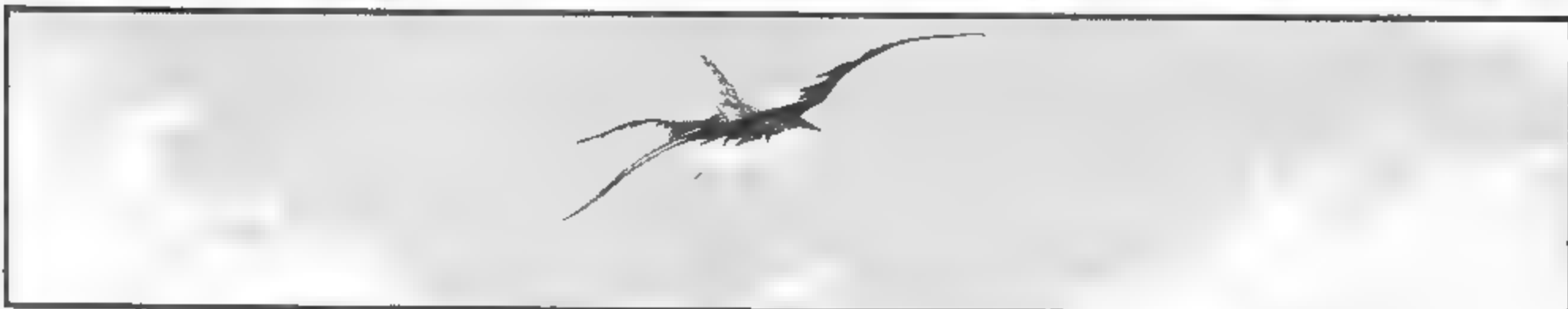
From now on, as in the
past, this land will remain
under the control of the
five of us and the natural
forces beyond your
inconsequential
artificiality.

This land will never be
controlled by a nation-
state such as yours.
Don't even entertain the
idea of such a thing!



Heed my words!

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it can't be. There's 300 arais there. I'm starting to lose it.

Even Amaterasu doesn't have one. So that's what the legendary gem looks like!

うわあ！  
それって 300年くらい前まであるって  
話で聞いたことあるって...

There are jewelers all over the Galaxy risking their lives to find one of those.

It's a Dragon Drop!

Wow! Look at that!

!!

For that....you may call on me anytime you desire...no matter from what dimension...what time...from the worlds of the living, the dead or those who have transcended to a higher level...

You did keep your part of the bargain, my little fairy.

Until then...

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What a good ice mother girl. If anyone tries any funny business with her, the dragon'll come flying, who's invincible. wonder if Rexbat'll trade her for Amy, or maybe I'll just steal her.



Did you hear that, Ssizz?!



The Thunder Dragon...

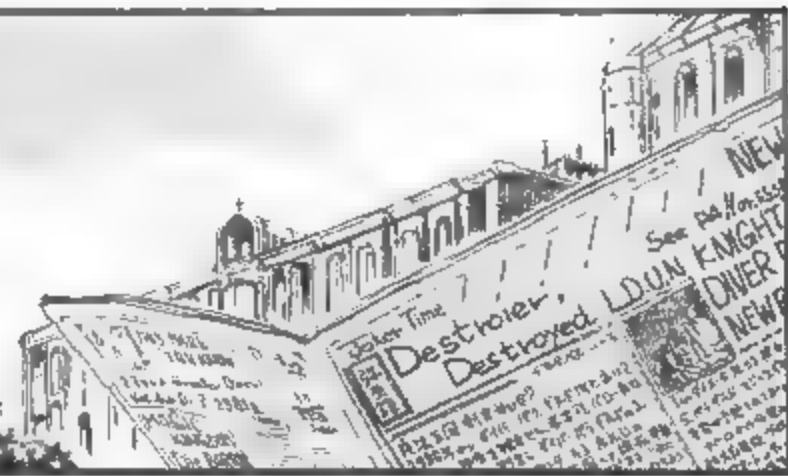
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Kastenpo....A vast land ruled by nature and five dragons...In the past there were nation-states that wasted effort, spent fortunes and sacrificed the lives of their people trying to conquer it...then, as now and in the future, Kastenpo will remain as the only territory in this five-star galaxy without some flag or other flying over it. Even in the coming attempt by Amaterasu to conquer the whole Galaxy, Kastenpo will be, as strange as it may seem, the only place the AKD emperor will keep off limits to his expeditionary forces...It will become the main base of operations for the anti-Amaterasu resistance movement and the place from where Colus VI and Daizina embark on their mission to liberate the Galaxy...



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Hey! I just got here!



The rumor seems to be true, but the sad part is the Lown Knight already left for home.



That happened over a week ago...old news.

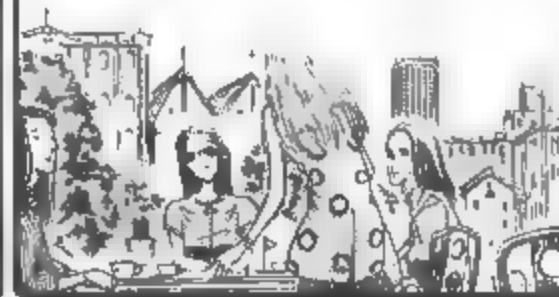
Tell me...is it really true that that M-H destroyer was defeated by one of those cute Lown Knights and his Bang Doll?

Tsk! The chance of a life-time!



We were looking everywhere! No trace of him!

Oooh pooh! I came all the way to No-kye City for nothing!



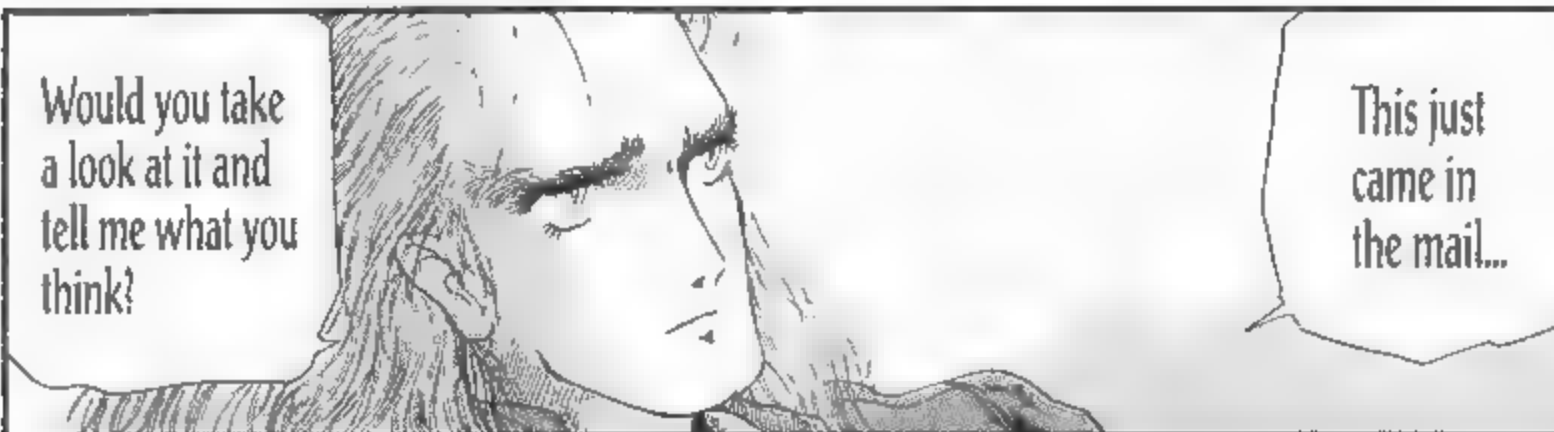
...Nothing from Coballkan...It's been a week now...What the hell's goin' on?

Nothing in the newspaper...



It's all over town that the Lown Knight is going to be punished...even executed...for using the Bang Doll without permission.

Would you take a look at it and tell me what you think?



This just came in the mail...

Are you sure you want me to read it?



Hmmm, let's see... "1 set of SS10103 shoulder armor," "50B-related replacement component J-50".... "1 EB-3 SE-800 buster launcher? What is this? There's no explanation attached.

It's a statement of delivery!

That's what happens when you stick your nose into other people's business...

Come to think of it...

They're just saying, "Don't bother coming back," that's all...

...but it says nothing about the other stuff...

The shoulder armor's for the damage caused by Ashura's dragon's tooth...

What could be going on there?

I reported everything to Coballkan, but there's been no response, no imposition of punishment for using an MH in violation of Canon Law...nothing.

How is it that your such good friends with that female headliner from Hathuha and Aisha?

I'm in the dark here... Who in the hell are you, anyway?

Listen, Hitter...

?

What if I told you I was head of the Kastenpo Knights Guild... would that satisfy you?

Calm down... What's the matter! Aren't you gettin' any...

Listen,  
Muse....



So that's  
how you get  
all that  
information!

Knights  
Guild?!

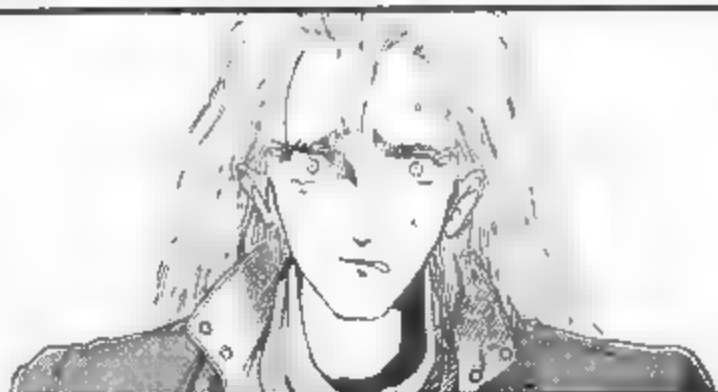
You aspire to the  
Papacy...but you're  
still too careless,  
unsophisticated...



The Holy Father  
told you to come  
here and train,  
didn't he?



Have I done  
something  
wrong?



?

You may have the  
Bang Doll and  
Ssizz, but you also  
need to know when  
your opponent is  
incapable of a lethal  
blow...

One other  
thing...Your training  
will be concluded  
here when you  
finally figure out  
who I really am.



Until you are able to  
determine instantly  
who exactly your  
opponent is and his  
capabilities...

Hitter....?

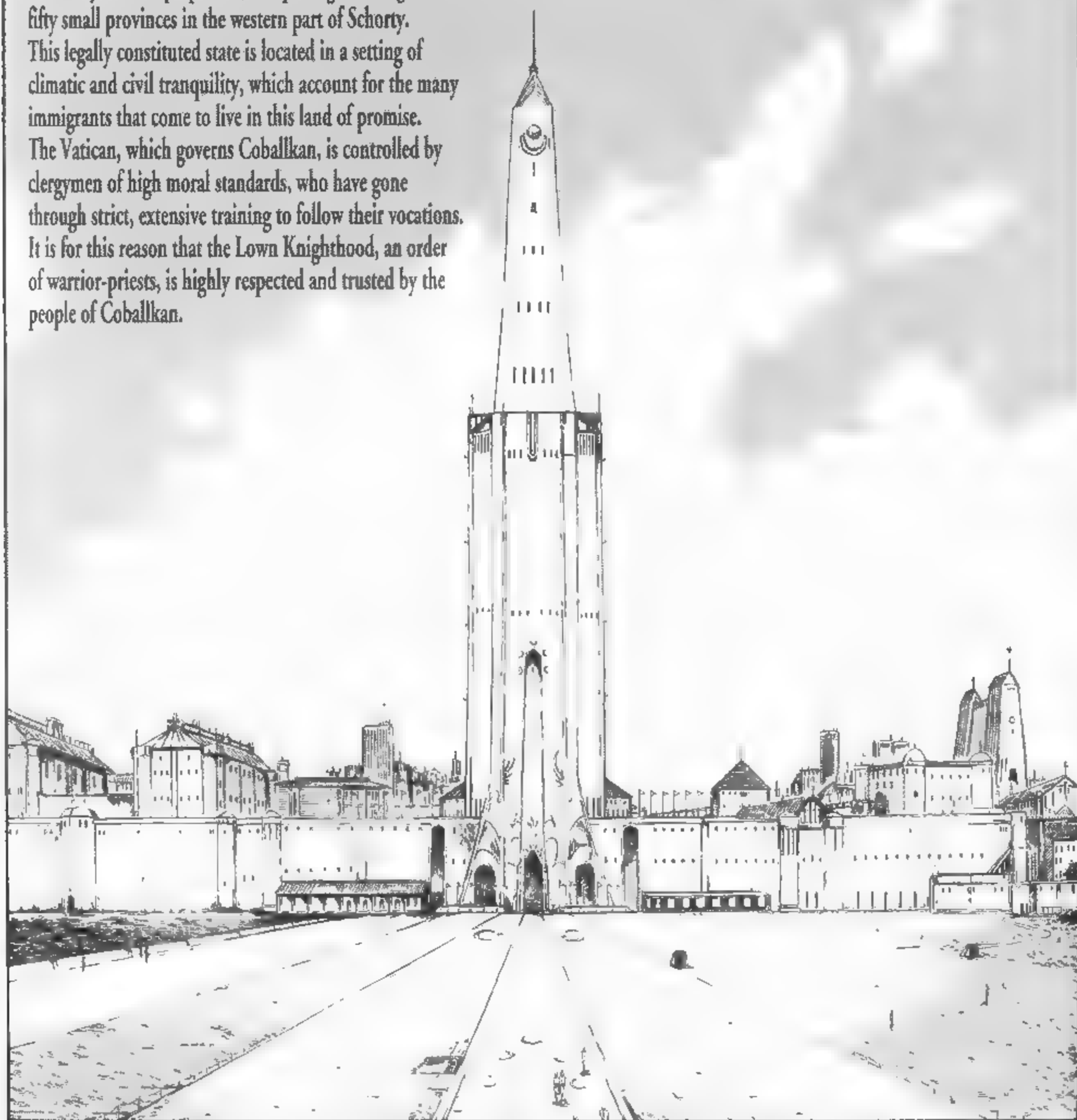


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Runamore, capital city of the Holy Coballkan Empire on  
the planet Kallamity

About the size of Eurasia's Ukraine, Coballkan stands together with the Fillmore Empire, which occupies half of the Schorty continent in the northern hemisphere, as Kallamity's two superpowers, comprising four large and fifty small provinces in the western part of Schorty. This legally constituted state is located in a setting of climatic and civil tranquility, which account for the many immigrants that come to live in this land of promise. The Vatican, which governs Coballkan, is controlled by clergymen of high moral standards, who have gone through strict, extensive training to follow their vocations. It is for this reason that the Lown Knighthood, an order of warrior-priests, is highly respected and trusted by the people of Coballkan.



So what's all the fuss over a mere matter of accounting? Is there something else all of you have gathered here for?

Is that so?

Excuse us Your Holiness. We have received a freight receipt signed by Cardinal Reyback.

It would cause him to pause and reflect...on Your Holiness

...the letter that was attached to the receipt...

It s...aahh...

If we could transmit a message from Your Holiness...For example, to pass sentence on himself or...

Although acting out of a sense of fair play, he has clearly violated Canon Law forbidding any knight from letting personal feelings influence his behavior...and he has also used a top secret SSI without authorization...

It seems that Reyback...I mean Muse...is troubled about something..

I don't care how many years it takes Reyback to understand that it was the decision of the people of Coballkan...

If he used the SSI that I entrusted to him for his journey, then it was under my orders.

He is not to be contacted in any way!

While the task of ruling this country and our laws and codes of conduct clearly go hand in hand, they are not the same things.

...that he has to stop hiding behind Coballkan law, virtue, the Canon, loyalty... and learn to make decisions on his own.

It may be Lown Knights who live and die by Canon Law, but it is the Pope who has to deal with stark reality and search for optimum solutions to keep the situation in hand.

What's wrong with a few secrets being uncovered in exchange for the making of a new Pope to lead this country?

We will leave Reyback alone with his SSI and Ssizz to agonize over his problems and work them out for himself.



Take a look at the letters on the desk there.

He went out and brought an outlaw MH to its knees...

And what did he do for his first feat out on his own?

All of them prevailed on their respective lords...

Notice the names of those who have attested... without his knowledge, mind you... to his justifiable actions and his sense of justice... and now beg for my leniency

He's a credit to his Order and has raised the image of Cobalcan throughout the Galaxy. What other news has so pleased the nation recently?



'Joegeo Spantousen, Commander of the Jota Space Knights!' How did Muse get to know the greatest space warrior of them all?

Here's one from King Lader himself! 'Signed Lader VIII, Written by Barbaluse Vee of the Kneue Styltiss'

"Signed Princess Mugumica Rao Collet of the Allied Hathuha Republics based on the testimony of Captain Jabo Beat of the A P Knights Swans Team"

Well I'll be...!

I must admit I was a bit startled myself...

I don't know, but take a look at the...ahem..."coat of arms" under Viscount Hitter's signature.

Huh? Hugh von Hitter, chairman of the Kastenpo Knights Guild? Who's he?

...the Galaxy's mightiest headliner and only remaining swordsman sage.

...when I set my eyes on the mark of the Schpeltor, the MH of none other than the Silver Knight Dougulus Kaien...





...Well, let me read it to you...

And last but not least...

Dimos Hiahraki's successor to the paramount rank...

sincerely pray for the bestowal of continued peace and prosperity on the great country of Corallikan and Your Holiness Paracy.

Signed Sovereign of the Delta Belian Commonwealth, Supreme Commander of the A&D and 84th Ruler of the Kingdom of Grees

On the occasion of a direct threat to the life of my most beloved subject, Princess Asha Condante, in line to the throne of Grees, His Excellency, Cardinal Revback of your noble kingdom intervened on her behalf displaying both superior skill and outstanding bravery. For such courage beyond the call of duty I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Your Holiness and Cardinal Revback.

Musi be because we don't have any women in the 'downs' yet?

What do you think of that!! I was flabbergasted!

Written in his own hand, mind you! It's a national treasure! Ha-ha-ha-ha!

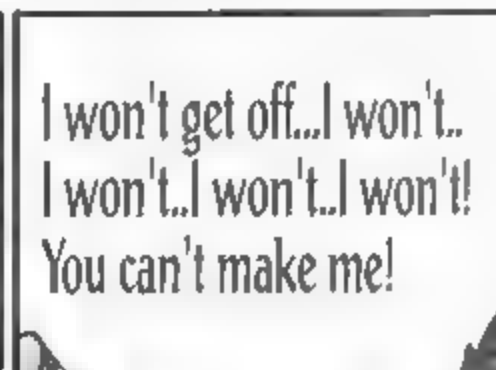
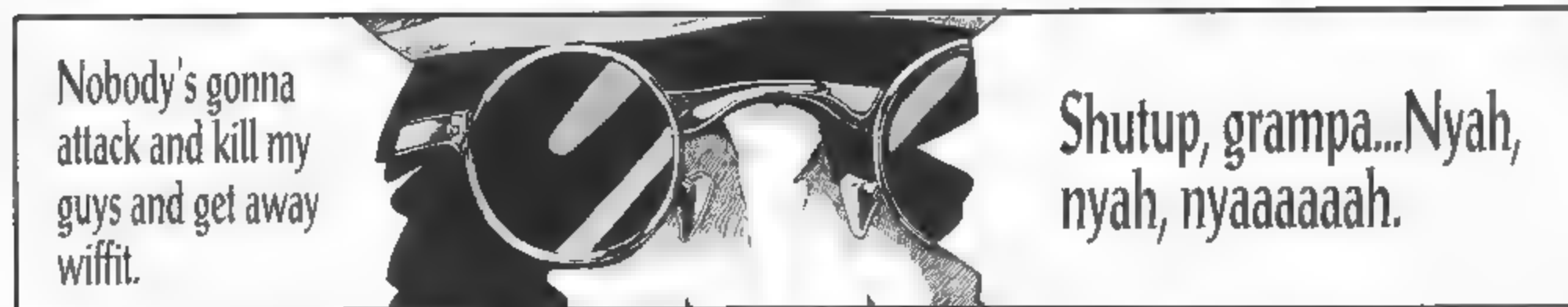
Amaterasu Dis Grand Grees Eydas IV...

Even I'm a bit envious...

Being able to gain the friendship and cooperation of such Galactic dignitaries in just six short months...



On the outskirts of No-kye....



I get t' play with  
graaaampaaa....



Oh boy! I get t'  
play with  
graaaampaaa...

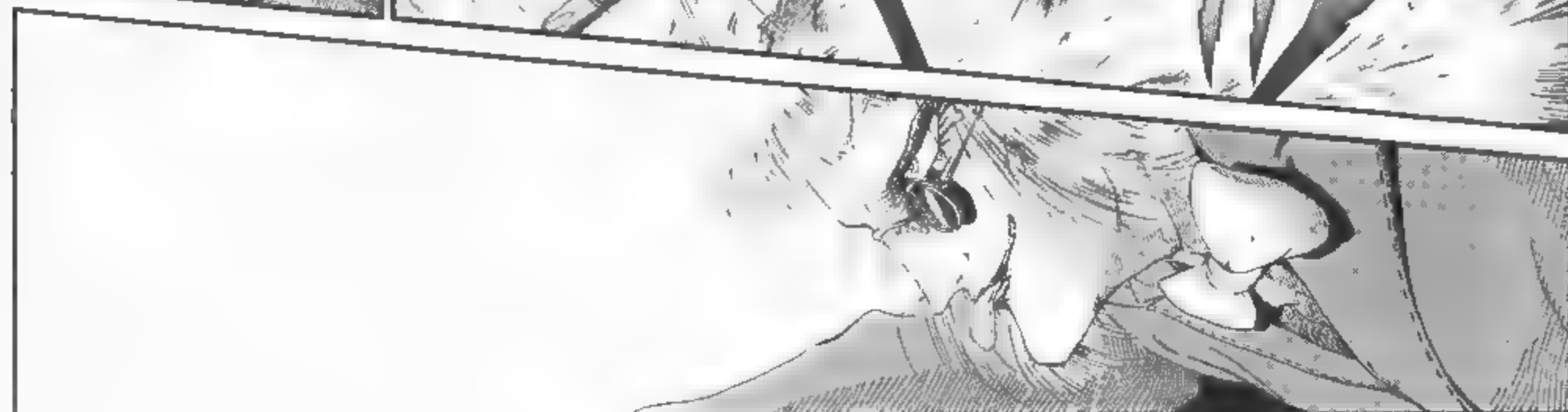
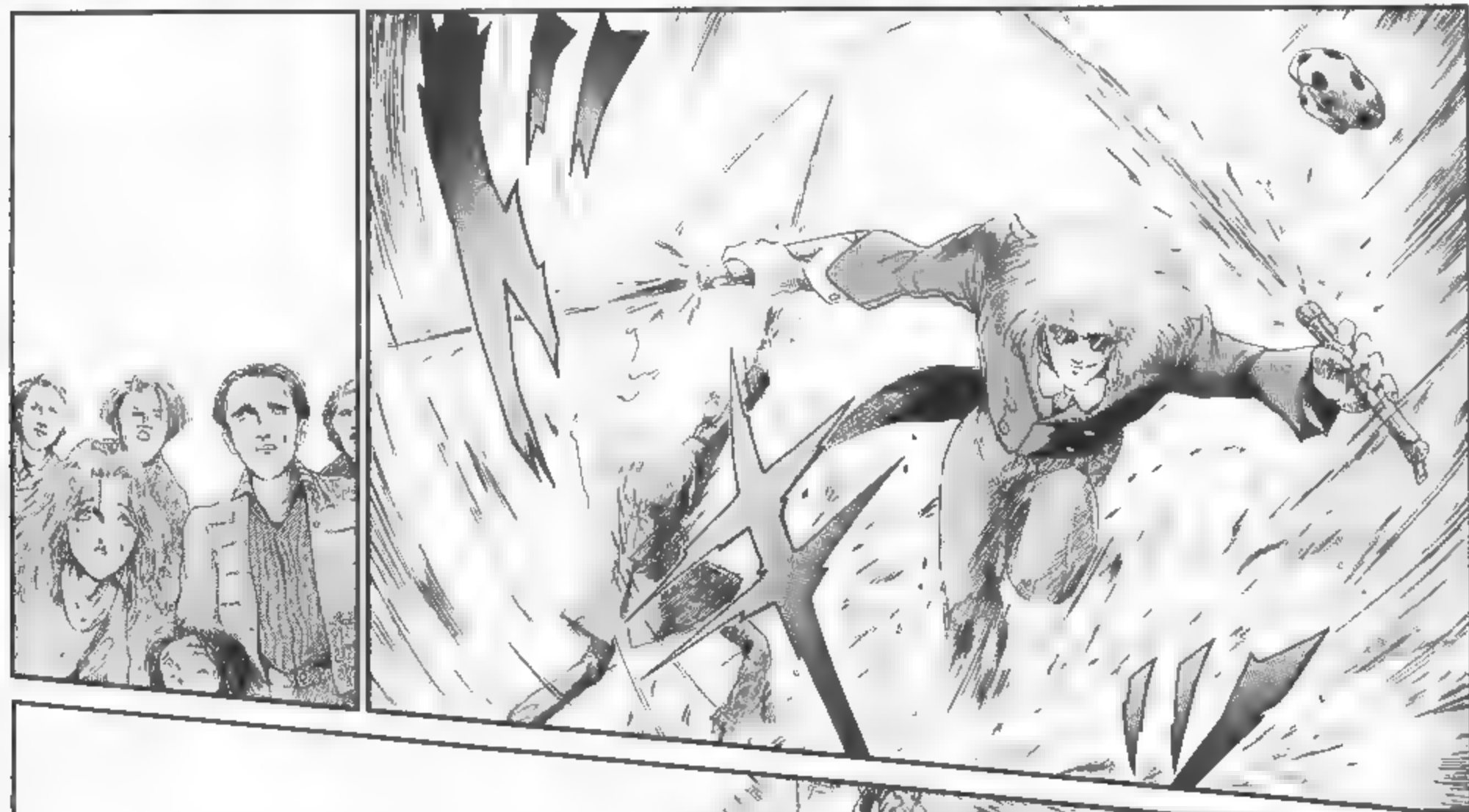


You're in  
for it now,  
sonny.



What the  
hell...









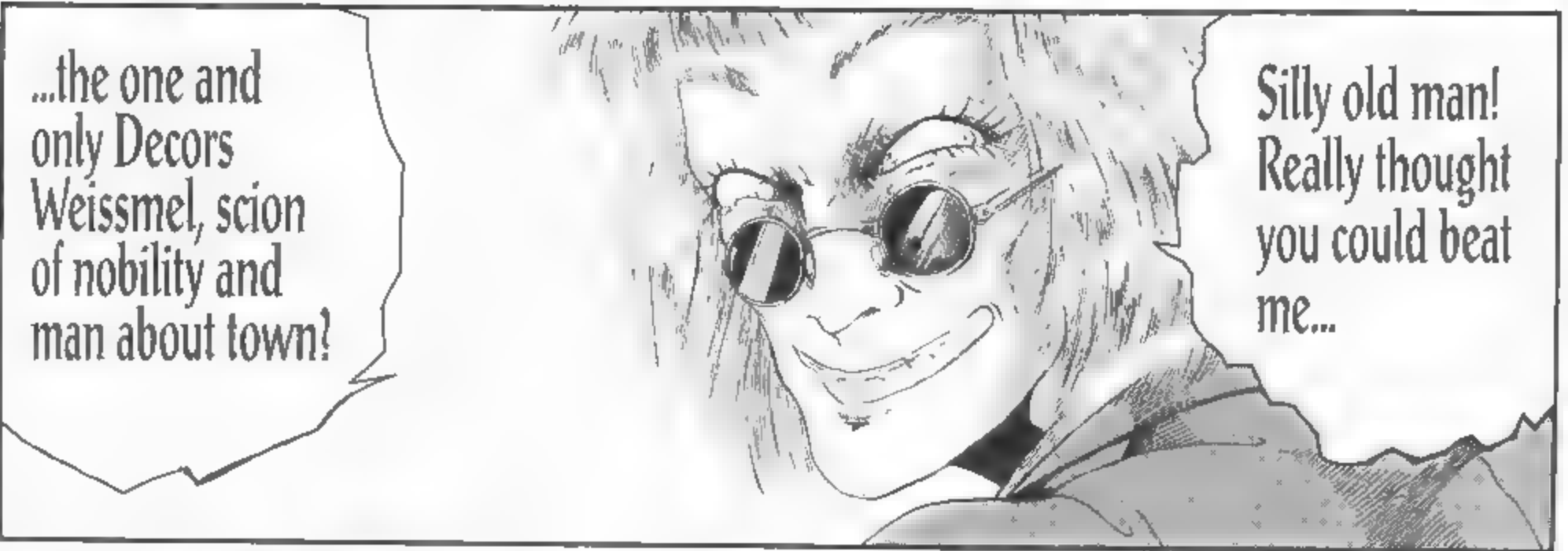
...knew  
I...was...no  
match...



Y...you...



...you  
...tricked....me...



...the one and  
only Decors  
Weissmel, scion  
of nobility and  
man about town?

Silly old man!  
Really thought  
you could beat  
me...



No!

Call a doctor!



What are you  
all gawking at?  
Out of my way!



Comes with  
the trade. Leave  
me be. Please!

Headdliners  
felled by the  
sword have no  
need for doctors.

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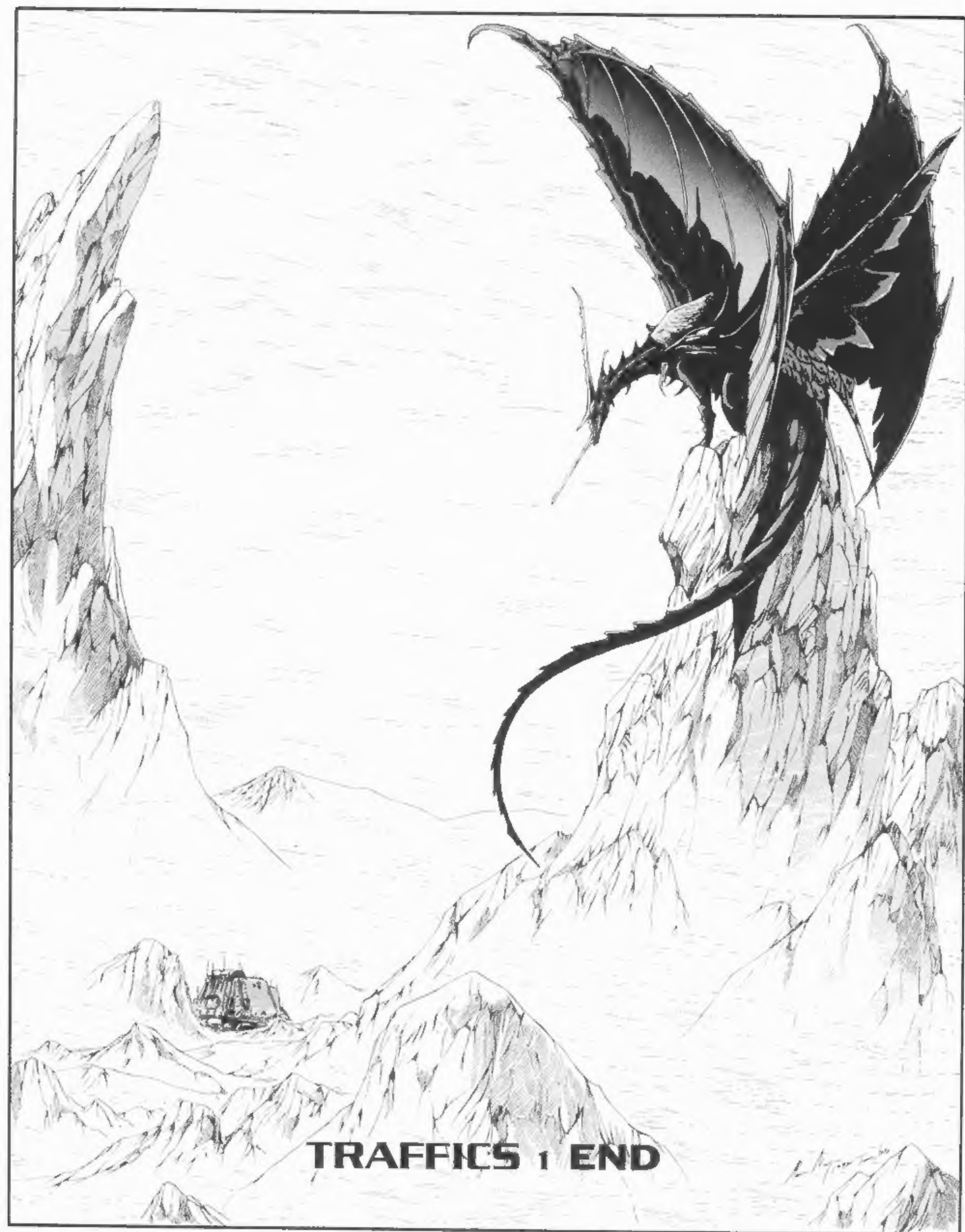
Oh Est...

Hang in  
there, sir  
knight...What  
is your name...

It's getting  
stormy out  
there..

He probably planned  
to stay in town  
tonight anyway. In  
his position ..

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To be continued....



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| JC 3230      | Amaterasu requests the countries of Kallamity Gooders to join the AKD, but following the lead of the Fillmore Empire, which boasts the planet's longest and most illustrious history, they ignore the request.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |         | Grand Sydmian is killed by a Mirage Knight while trying to escape. Amaterasu establishes the Union of Galactic Kingdoms. Atropos teams up with Mirage Knight headliner Upandla Raymu.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |         | Amaterasu returns to Colus VI the sword he received from Colus III, signifying Colus VI as the true heir to the Colus dynasty. The citizens of Delta Belun leave the planet along with the Mirage Knights in The Will, in search of Lachesis. The "god of light" has failed them. |
| JC 3234      | Amaterasu launches a military invasion of Kallamity Gooders, but is met with strong resistance by a unified defense force that has thoroughly studied his military strategy and tactical procedures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | JC 3967 | Amaterasu entrusts all of his authority to his cat's paw, Upandla Raymu, a fatima created by Dr. Ballanche, and retires into seclusion. At the same time, F.U. Rogner and the other Mirage Knights are cloistered and sealed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | JC 4101 | Colus VI liberates the Galaxy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| JC 3238      | The Mirage Knights join the invasion of Kallamity Gooders as the war bogs down.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | JC 4103 | Colus VI marries Daizina.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| JC 3239      | Slant approaches Kallamity, which experiences violent upheavals in the planet's crust and chaotic magnetic fluctuations. Rescue and emigration from Kallamity is stepped up. Amaterasu boards the Knight of Gold and leads the entire Mirage Knight corps in an all out attack on the Fillmore Empire. It is the last action anyone will take on this planet doomed to destruction by the approach of Slant. During the attack, KOC stalls on a shoal while crossing Lake Nnbidoug, and just before Kallamity explodes, Amaterasu is ejected to safety, leaving the MI-I and Lachesis stranded on the Lake. In order to lessen the shock from the impending volcanic explosion, KOC uses the buster launcher to dig a 5000 kilometer crater in the planet's crust and drops a shock resistant gelatin bomb into the Lake. However, nothing can save Lachesis from the explosion, as she and KOC are blown somewhere out on the dimensional edge. | JC 3968 | Empress Runka, a remnant of the Colus Dynasty's Meistner family, gives birth to Daizina, then dies at the hand of Amaterasu. Daizina disappears.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | JC 4255 | Colus VI passes away at the age of 295.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| JC 3330      | The Battle of Kallamity is spectacularly concluded, and survivors from the defeated Kallamity forces move to the Planet of Graves, where they commence anti-Amaterasu resistance activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | JC 4044 | Daizina Meistner finds her way to Kastenpo on Both.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         | (The Era of the The Will Galaxy)*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| JC 3333      | Amaterasu, upon consent from the only non-AKD planet, Jūno, is enthroned as emperor of the Joker Galaxy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JC 4050 | Daizina Meistner meets Colus VI, who is working for the anti-Amaterasu resistance in Kastenpo.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | JC 5899 | On an unknown planet, the Knight of Gold is transformed into a meteorite and crashes.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| JC 3345      | The LED Dragon awakens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | JC 4061 | After wandering aimlessly throughout the Galaxy, Colus VI is awakened to his headliner heritage after being shown the mortar heads that have been mustered for the resistance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | JC 6599 | Lachesis awakens and with the Knight of Gold joins a space war with another civilization. In the aftermath, uncontrollable bursts of energy from KOC hurl them again and again into time gaps and lost abysses.                                                                   |
| JC 3400-3900 | Mortar head manufacture is slowed by natural resource scarcity. The leader of Jūno, King Colus V, begins a large scale program to improve his country's MI-I force led by the Berlins. Because the outcome of any battle is invariably decided by a clash of MI-I's, the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces scattered throughout the Galaxy assist in his efforts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | JC 4062 | Colus begins training for combat, and the many knights he meets seem also to be descendants of his ancestors' generations of headliners.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | JC 6787 | In one planetary war, Lachesis is unable to activate the Knight of Gold, so this incomparable fatima fates commandeers a local cyborg weapon, called an Imperium, to continue the fight.                                                                                          |
| JC 3910      | The knights of the anti-Amaterasu resistance gather on Jūno. Amaterasu reveals plans to conquer Jūno.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | JC 4075 | Jūnchoon and Clotho are discovered, but Clotho remains sealed and will not awaken.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | JC 6800 | Amaterasu builds the MI I Cloud Mirage, also Known as Magdall Chivalries.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| JC 3952      | Amaterasu launches his last expeditionary invasion and heads for Jūno. A messenger is dispatched from Both to Amaterasu. It is Atropos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | JC 4076 | Colus VI meets Wey Louth, possibly another headliner descendant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | JC 6850 | Amaterasu and Lachesis, each on their own, travel from planet to universe encountering new human species and life forms.                                                                                                                                                          |
| JC 3960      | The heir apparent to the Colus Dynasty, Colus VI, escapes to Both with the help of Alenta, princess of Ballanka. The three royal families of the Colus Dynasty disband and scatter to the four corners of the Galaxy. The Black Knight Grand Sydmian, in the employ of the Colus Dynasty, conceals Jūnchoon and Clotho deep in the thick forests of the continent of Borishoi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | JC 4080 | Civil war breaks out on Jūno, and Colus VI takes command of the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces in the conflict.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | JC 7199 | Lachesis lands on a mechanized planet and repairs the Knight of Gold.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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\*Time on the The Will era is measured in the years actually passed by Amaterasu, but in Joker time it is 5,670,000,000 years in length



# Chronology

| (Last Millennia of the AD Era) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| AD 4000                        | Juno is discovered. Both is reclaimed and colonized. An alliance of imperial families founds the super-empire Fhallus dei kanaan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | JC 2135  | Amaterasu makes improvements in the ezlazer external combustion engine used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Floating Temple, an island 2.5 kilometers across hovering 3000 meters in the atmosphere above the planet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| AD 5000                        | Reign of the "Blazing Empress." The Galaxy establishes all disciplines of pure science. The rise of intimidating warriors and powerful wizards. Invention of the most destructive weapon known to man, the buster launcher.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | JC 2200  | The beginning of a century of frequent international disputes and military aggression, promoted in part by the mortar headd's ability to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.                                                                                                                                        | JC 2987 One of the Galaxy's most authoritative scientists, Dr. Ballanche, decides that a fatima debut will not be held for Atropos, one of his "three fates of destiny," and allows her to escape.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| AD 6000                        | Height of interstellar exploration. Continuous intergalactic wars cause such devastation to existing races and cultures that the human species becomes incapable of retaining its historical legacy in fact.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | JC 2310  | A data processor greatly improving the control of mortar headd's is developed by the mad scientist Lithium Balance. It is called the "fatima," an artificial life-form physiologically identical to human beings.                                                                                                                                                        | JC 2988 Dr. Ballanche's final two fatimas, Lachesis and Clotho, come of age. Amaterasu acquires Lachesis, while Clotho is taken into the care of Juno's King Colus III.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| AD 8000                        | A geophysical world of four solar systems begins to take form. Reclamation of planets take place on a galactic scale, as the deserts of Addler and Pestako, the closest planet to its sun, are made inhabitable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | JC 2324  | Amaterasu is enthroned as the ruler of Crees at the age of 304. Over a thirty-year period he has contributed much to the cause of international peace among the countries of Delta Belun.                                                                                                                                                                                | JC 2989 Three leading edge mortar headd's, called LED Mirages, join the forces of the Colus Dynasty against neighboring aggressor, I Jagooda. MFI meister Ladios Sopp is entrusted with the jeweled sword of the Colus Royal Family, and the royal family's MFI Jünchoon is sealed shut with Clotho inside.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| AD 9000                        | Interstellar exploration reaches an impasse, and space adventurers return to their home planets. The influence of Fhallus dei kanaan wanes, as new independent states rise. Buster control technology is perfected. Popularization of the external combustion "ezlazer" engine, a technical spin-off from buster launcher know-how.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | JC 2397  | Despite his 377 years, Amaterasu has remarkably not aged significantly since reaching adulthood.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JC 2992- Atropos begins 350 years of seclusion with an infant LED Dragon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JC 2400- | Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and the Northern Solar System, which is ruled by large and powerful countries, attain a state of relatively peaceful coexistence, while the smaller countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political turmoil. It is a time of mass production of both mortar headd's and fatimas.              | JC 2994 Magdall and Depre are born in the Republic of Hathutha in the Western Solar System.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| JC 0001                        | Stabilization is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's four solar systems, as interplanetary diplomatic agreements are negotiated and enacted, marking the beginning of the Joker Era. At this point in time, however, human civilization reaches its pinnacle and begins its descent. The Joker Galaxy enters an era of senescence and decline. A civilization that once advanced into the outer reaches of the universe, experimented with speeds exceeding light, and sought existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The human race is now in a process of reverse evolution. From this point on, there will be no sign of significant historical change, even in millennial terms. | JC 2875  | Amaterasu unifies the ten eastern countries surrounding the Kingdom of Crees. Similarly, in the Southern Solar System, Colus II, ruler of the super power on the planet Juno, forms the kingdoms on his borders into the Colus Dynasty. Colus III is born.                                                                                                               | JC 3079 Princess Magdal is crowned ruler of the Holy Led A-Toll Empire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| JC 0980                        | Birth of the mortar headd, a battle machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the artistic style of science and engineering.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | JC 2878  | Amaterasu is appointed planetary president of Delta Belun.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | JC 3159 Amaterasu suddenly launches a military attack on the Rent Republic of the neighboring planet of Addler.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| JC 2000                        | In the Kingdom of Crees on eastern Delta Belun, the second planet in the Eastern Solar System, the albino Amaterasu Dis Grand Crees Eydas IV is born and destined to become the kingdom's 84th monarch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | JC 2899  | Amaterasu unifies Delta Belun into an organization called Amaterasu Kingdom Demesnes thereafter AKD). The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy.                                                                                                                                                                         | JC 3162 Addler is incorporated into the AKD and becomes Amaterasu's base of military operations, commanding a huge galactic expeditionary force.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| JC 2026                        | Scientific genius Uranium Balance publishes her research on organic humanoid computer systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          | Dr. Ballanche completes the AKD flagship battle cruiser Bell Creal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | JC 3180 Amaterasu begins construction of the Galaxy's largest space vessel, The Will.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| JC 2040                        | Emperor Amaterasu uses his exquisite beauty and charm along with his superior intellect to gain unwavering support from the people of Delta Belun's eastern bloc of countries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | JC 2900- | A scarcity of natural resources in the Galaxy reaches critical proportion, and some synthetic materials that have existed for thousands of years begin to transform or deteriorate. Kallamity Gooders, the second planet in the Northern Solar System, begins to transform under the influence of its own planetary reclamation activities. Amaterasu is 2800 years old. | JC 3185 Construction of The Will is completed, and enthusiasm is heightened among the people over galactic unification. Amaterasu is 1165 years old.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| JC 2087                        | Amaterasu and Litra are married. Litra will die childless at the young age of 130, equivalent to 25 years of age in earthling time. On the average human's of the Joker Galaxy live to the age of around 300.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | JC 2955  | Completion of Amaterasu's airborne palace, the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | JC 3199 Amaterasu launches an invasion of Both in the Western Solar System. Many of the planet's residents welcome the invasion as the arrival of political stability to a chaotic situation that has continued since the beginning of the Majestic Stand, so Both is quickly incorporated into the AKD. However, the region of Kastenpo on the continent of Gnann for some reason is able to retain its former status as a free and autonomous district, and only the Holy Led A-Toll Empire is granted sovereignty. |
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\*Joker and Earth years are not synchronized because time progresses faster in the Joker Galaxy.



# The Five Star Stories XII

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## A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

### Five Star Stories Vols. I-III



It is the Joker Calendar year J.C. 2988, one of the Galaxy's most prestigious fatima meilts. Dr. Chrome Ballanche, completes the work on his final two masterpieces, Lachesis and Clotho, only to have them taken into custody by the local lord, a depraved upstart merchant by the name of Grand Duke Juba Bardaim who covets the two fatimas to satisfy his outlandish lecheries. Ballanche has no one to turn to for help but his longtime friend Lados Sopp, one of Amaterasu's disguises, to save his two daughters from Juba's slimy clutches. Before the debut at which the two fatimas are to choose their masters, an event rigged by Juba, Clotho makes a run for it, and with the help of Sopp, Voards Viewlard, (the president of the local Trün Union in disguise) and Amaterasu's Mirage Knights, Clotho finds a protector in the warrior-king extraordinaire, Colus III of the planet Jünö. Then on the day of the debut, Sopp is reunited with Lachesis and they run off together with Juba and his headliner "nephews" Decors and Terrors in hot pursuit. Just as the two elopers are about to be captured, Amaterasu's outrageous mortar headd, the Knight of Gold appears out of nowhere and saves the day. Meanwhile, back at Juba's palace, Voards, now undisguised as President Mission Rouath, makes a thorough investigation of Juba's countless wrongdoings and restores order to his troubled republic.



### Five Star Stories Vols. IV & V



The year after the Juba Bardaim incident, J.C. 2989, the kingdoms ruled by Clotho's protector Colus III are suddenly and mysteriously invaded by the neighboring empire of Hagooda, which we find out later is being backed by superpowers from other planets, such as Fillmore on Kallamity and Hathuhs on Both. The young Colus III boards his brand new mortar headd, Jünchoon, for a test run out on the front lines, encounters the mortal headd of a Boowray Mercenary in the employ of Hagooda, and in the battle that ensues loses his beloved fatima Ulicul, who is killed by the Boowray knight while fighting to protect her badly wounded master. This incident stuns Colus' allies throughout the Galaxy, who rush in to join the anti-Hagooda movement that is slowly welling up all over Jünö. Among the volunteers and mercenaries flowing into the Colus Dynasty's Jarth Airport we find none other than Lados Sopp, who owes a great debt to Colus for his gallantry at the debut held the previous year. There is also a flashback of how Colus and Ulicul first met in J.C. 2957, explaining the bitter resentment held by Vralgo Kentaurs of Fillmore towards the King of the Trio de Colus and Vralgo's sworn vendetta.



### Five Star Stories Vols. VI-VIII



During the war with Hagooda, the Colus Dynasty palace becomes the gathering place of dignitaries from all over the Galaxy, including Lados Sopp (aka Amaterasu), Voards Viewlard (aka Mission Rouath), the Black Knight and master swordsman Roados Dragoon, and a meeting place for Mirage Knight Sharie Randers and Prince Trao Ballanka, who will eventually marry, the rival fatimas Teata and Est, and Lachesis and her father's rival Dr. Morard. The sorely under-powered Jünchoon receives an overhaul with a LED Mirage engine from Sopp and is called to arms by an deeply inspired Clotho. As the anti-Hagooda movement reaches its peak, Colus decides to stage a counter-offensive, which results in victory for the Trio, but only at the cost of its ruler's life at the hands of none other than Vralgo Kentaurs. During the sudden attack on Jünchoon, Clotho, with her master dead in the cockpit, employs every bit of the skill and strength entrusted to her in crushing Vralgo's MH Siren, but in the end loses consciousness and is sealed within her magnificent mortar headd. Finally, Vol. VIII jumps forward to the year 4071 and the anti-Amaterasu resistance movement on the planet Addler.



### Five Star Stories Vols IX-X



In an espionage mission to Fort Chibum in the U-thu Republic on the planet Both, swordsmen sage Douglas Kaien is detected by a very alert Michael Lester, who blocks the spy's escape and all but obliterates Kaien's fatima Auxo. Kaien flees to an anti-government guerilla camp at the mining village of TYxaihigh and is pursued by Republic headliner Maiyu Skat in his powerful mortar headd, the Zakker. Filling in for Auxo as Kaien's partner on his Schpeltor is none other than Lachesis' sister Atropos, who had been posing as the leader of the guerillas. After defeating Skat, Atropos pledges to spend the rest of her life trying to realize a fatima's full potential free of legally imposed physical and mental restraints, and after the battle disappears. Meanwhile, Kaien's Auxo is brought back from the dead by Chrome Ballanche's protege, Pisen Corks, with her memory miraculously in tact and is reunited with Kaien.



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